

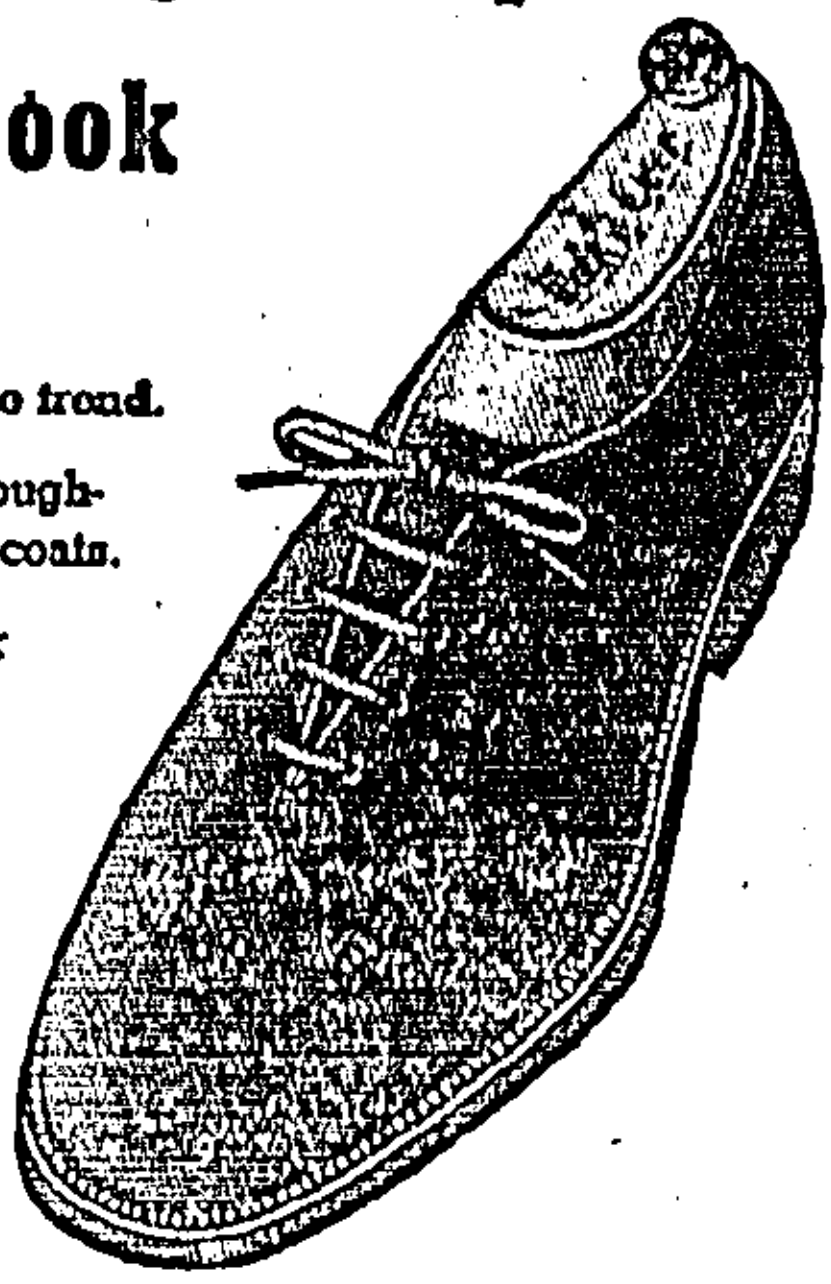
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Attlee Gets
Welcome



The scene at London Airport as the Premier, Mr Attlee, returned from his historic trip to Washington. Mr Attlee is talking into the microphone watched by his wife and Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary.

A Whale Of A Fight

Umkomaas (Natal),
Dec. 21.

Scores of people at this Natal coast town watched a two-hour battle between an eagle ray and a swordfish, about half a mile out to sea.

After the final clash, a killer whale which had been hanging about moved in as the fighters submerged.

Later the whale surfaced alone, spouting victoriously. —Reuter.

Uncertainty In World Politics

London, Dec. 21.

Uncertainty caused by two unknown factors dominates the scene of world politics in the last few weeks of 1950. One of these factors is the future Chinese intentions in Korea.

The other is the likely Soviet response to an agreement by the Western Powers to attend a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers with a broad agenda.

In the face of these two uncertainties, opinion among the big anti-Communist Governments is divided in its basic attitude, even if agreed on immediate policy.

In Europe, for instance, the Western Powers are all agreed that they should tell the Soviet Union that they are willing to agree to a four-power official level conference to try to work out an agenda for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council.

But they are less agreed on the basic analysis of the world situation which led them to make this move.

The French Government still nurse the hope that a fundamental world agreement might, after all, result from a fresh meeting with the Soviet Union if this could be brought about.

BRITISH SCEPTICISM

In Britain, though the general attitude is more sceptical, important political groups, both Labour and Conservative, hold the same view.

The United States Administration clearly believes that the prospect of a genuine understanding with Russia, which would end the division of Germany on terms which left the subsequent Government free from Communist pressure, is ruled out.

The Far East presents a similar problem. In the period in which the world waited for Communist China's reply to the appeal made by the bloc of Asian countries for a cease-fire, Britain and the United States were agreed, following top-level talks in Washington, to make a military stand south of the 38th Parallel and to try to end the conflict through negotiation.

But this agreement again masked a difference of approach similar to that which characterised the attitude of the powers to Russia.

IN THE DARK

Britain believed that the Korean conflict could and should be terminated by talks following a cease-fire and the creation of a buffer zone.

The United States was more doubtful, believing that even if the Chinese Government eventually indicated that it was willing to agree to a cease-fire, negotiations which raised the question of the status of Formosa would be bound to fail.

In the lull which followed the Truman-Attlee talks in Washington and the re-establishment of a United Nations military line in Korea after a perilous retreat, the Western Powers were completely in the dark about the Chinese intentions.

The diplomatic initiative then rested with Peking and the "neutral" group in the United Nations.

In fact, there is no doubt that the two unknown factors, in East and West, of Chinese intentions and Soviet intentions, which face the Atlantic Powers with separate problems in Korea and Germany, are essentially one problem.

CHINA'S PROBLEM

One plausible explanation of the delay in an indication from Peking of any clear intention about the Korean campaign is the need for Russia and China to concert their policies.

Viewed from the other side, the problem facing China of whether to drive to the sea in South Korea or attempt negotiations is similar to the problem facing the Soviet Union of whether to agree to a broad general conference on the whole future of Germany and Austria, and if so of whether to agree to it with the intention of making it a success.

Peking and Moscow, no less than the West, are faced, at the end of 1950 when Communist policy has brought the world nearer to a hot war than at any time since the end of World War II, with a critical policy decision.

They have, in fact, to decide how to make the next move in the cold war—round the conference table, through diplomatic channels or by the build-up of military positions in Eastern Europe and Korea.

The period of uncertainty gives no hint that either capital is thinking in terms of ending the cold war and so of eliminating in the New Year the danger of a world conflict. —Reuter.

Royal Tour ETA

London, Dec. 21.
Buckingham Palace announced tonight that the expected date of the King's arrival in Australia is March 1, 1952, and in New Zealand on May 6, 1952. —Reuter.

UN's THIRD APPEAL TO PEKING

Cease-Fire Commission Waiting To Prepare Report

Trygve Lie Reiterates His Belief In World Peace

Lake Success, Dec. 21.

The United Nations cease-fire commission met for two hours on Thursday and sent a third message to Peking requesting Communist China's reaction to the world organisation's peace drive.

A spokesman announced the group would not meet again "until the middle of next week" when they expect to report to the General Assembly's main political committee.

The text of the telegram from the committee of three on cease-fire in Korea to Chou En-lai, Foreign Minister of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China, said:

"We hope to receive your reply to our earlier messages regarding cease-fire arrangements in Korea. The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly has now taken a brief recess but will meet again very shortly in order to consider amongst other things a full report from the cease-fire group. We propose to begin preparation of that report next week, and would, therefore, appreciate an early reply from you.

(Signed) Committee of the General Assembly, Naorollah Entezam, President; Sir Benegal Rau; Lester Pearson."

Secretary-General Trygve Lie on Thursday reiterated his belief that world peace can be preserved, and declared the United Nations will survive whatever the outcome of the Korean war.

The Norwegian diplomat said at his first press conference since before the General Assembly met in September that, whatever happens, the world organisation would seek the establishment of a free, democratic and unified Korea.

Mr Lie said he had hope and confidence in the three-man commission named by the General Assembly to seek a cease-fire in Korea.

SITUATION DIFFICULT

Mr Lie said: "The present situation is difficult. But I still believe world peace can be preserved. I think all nations in the world still want peace. That desire for peace extends to Communist China. I refer you to statements of Ambassador Wu (General Wu Hsi-chuan, who led Peking's nine-member delegation to the United Nations). He said several times China hopes for peace and wants peace."

A reporter asked whether he still favoured Communist China's admission to the United Nations, Mr Lie replied: "I have not changed my mind about that question. He said he could answer this question only in general terms, but to give a statement on this today would not be right now that we have a special committee to discuss the question of China's admission and to make proposals."

Although he refused to discuss the Korean war in detail, he declared "The future of the United Nations does not depend on the outcome of anything going on in Korea. You can be sure the United Nations will survive. But it may be that some of the principles of the Charter will suffer. This is no time to appraise the worth of the United Nations. We should see the situation better when the present session of the General Assembly is over."

The Assembly is in recess subject to recall by its chairman.

Mr Lie announced he hoped to leave on Friday for a short Christmas holiday with his family in Norway. He said after the holiday he will visit Paris and London to make a decision on where next year's General Assembly session is to be held.

The 60-nation body voted last week to meet in Europe next September.

Of his reappointment he said that he has still to serve another year of his present term. He said: "I would have been happier if I had been able to go home." —United Press.

NOT A TRAP

Lake Success, Dec. 21.

Mr Naorollah Entezam, President of the General Assembly, has assured the Chinese Communist Government that the United Nations cease-fire proposal for Korea is not a "trap" as alleged by Mr Wu Hsi-chuan, Peking representative who left here on Tuesday for London on his way back to the Chinese capital.

In a telegram sent to Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, on behalf of

the three-man Cease-Fire Committee, Mr Entezam is understood to have told the Peking Government that the United Nations proposal only called upon the parties to state the terms on which a satisfactory basis for a cease-fire could be established.

He is understood to have pointed out that the resolution declared that the fighting in Korea should be prevented from spreading and that after a cease-fire was in operation "further steps should be taken for a peaceful settlement of existing issues."

An assurance was also said to have been given that the cease-fire would be followed by talks on other Far Eastern issues, as envisaged in a resolution now before the Political Committee.

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YUGOSLAV FEAR OF ATTACK

Belgrade, Dec. 21.

Major-General Djuro Loncaric, a member of Marshal Tito's Army Staff, said tonight that in present world situation Yugoslavia could not exclude the possibility of an attack.

General Loncaric accused the Bulgarians, Hungarians and Rumanians of keeping stronger armies than those permitted under the peace treaties.

Bulgaria, he said, was maintaining an army of 160,000 men, while under the treaty it should not exceed 55,000 men. Rumania, instead of the permitted 138,000, had twice that number of men under arms, while the Hungarians, instead of 70,000, had 140,000 men.

Yugoslav industry, he said, was now supplying the Army, but if the security of the country required it, arms and equipment would be bought elsewhere.

Yugoslavs need not be afraid, he added, because today "the whole of peace-loving humanity would be on our side in the event of an aggression against us."

The General was speaking in the National Theatre on the ninth anniversary of the formation of the Yugoslav Army. Marshal Tito attended the performance. —Reuter.

British Envoy To Bangkok

London, Dec. 21.

The Foreign Office tonight announced that Sir John Hall McGowan, the present Ambassador in Caracas, is to be the new Ambassador to Bangkok, succeeding Sir Geoffrey Thompson, who is to be Civilian Instructor at the Imperial Defence College.

Sir Robert Urquhart, formerly Consul-General at Shanghai, will succeed Sir John McGowan at Caracas. —Reuter.

Adenauer's Price For Support

German Equality & A Security Pact

London, Dec. 21.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, demanded last night equality with the West and a security pact as his terms for inclusion of West German troops in the European Army, the Bonn correspondent of the Daily Express said today.

The correspondent said that Dr Adenauer made the demand after a two-hour secret meeting last night with an American diplomatic adviser, Mr Samuel Reber.

He quoted important members of the West German Administration as amplifying the Chancellor's demand that Germany would insist on equality with the other Western nations as to the size of the German units and representation on General Dwight Eisenhower's staff and equal rights in economic affairs; the end of the occupation and occupation costs, to be replaced by a security treaty agreeing to the stationing of Allied troops in Germany; the reinforcement of Allied troops in Germany and an "Eisenhower Master Plan" to ensure that the Allies' counter-attack would liberate the 20 million Soviet Zone Germans and guarantee that the main clash would take place outside Germany.

The correspondent said that West German political leaders were not prepared to take part in any plan which involved a civil war with Germans in the Soviet Zone or which meant that Germany would become a battlefield.

The Soviet Zone Berlin newspaper, Tagesspiegel, Rundschau said today that the Brussels conference was "a conspiracy against peace."

The paper said: "The resolutions are an alarm signal, particularly for the German people. The first result of their fulfilment would be to convert Germany into the battlefield of a third imperialist war."

In West Berlin, the decision to create German air units came as a complete surprise to Allied as well as German political observers.

Observers believed that the decision was intended to impress the Russians or to gladden the German hearts with the prospect of a new Luftwaffe, but papers representing all shades of German opinion in West Berlin are markedly unimpressed and take the common line that the first and only condition under which Western Germany can be asked to rearm is the grant of full sovereignty to the Federal Republic. —Reuter.

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Round-Up In Rio

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 21.

Police have arrested over 100 Communists during the past 12 hours in curbing Communist efforts to celebrate Marshal Stalin's birthday today.

Police groups patrolled the city in vans. Despite the severe precaution, the Communists posted some bills on walls and hung banners on telephone and electric wires, proclaiming the Soviet Premier's virtues. —Reuter.

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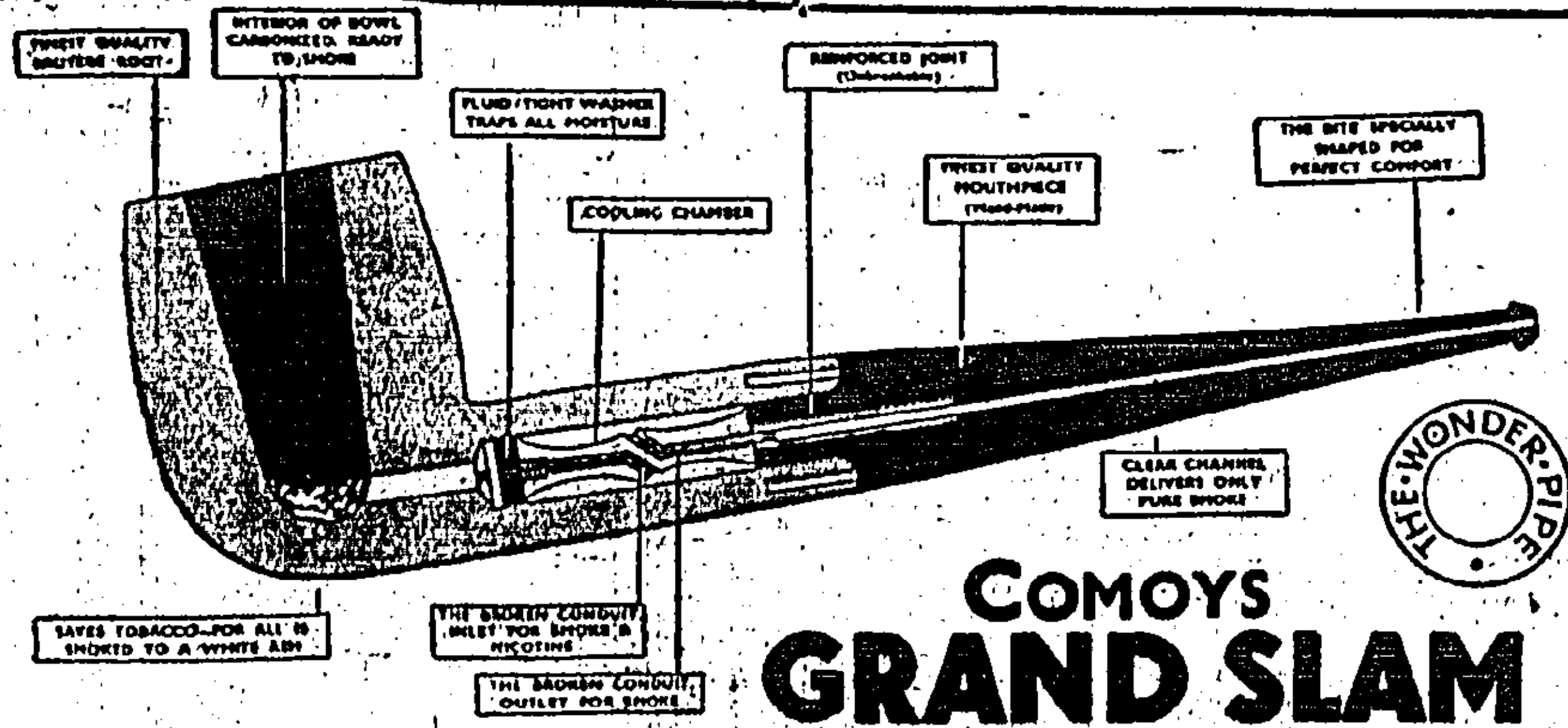


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Hungnam Force Retires

To Smaller Perimeter

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

With over a hundred thousand Communist troops closing in from three sides, the hard-pressed United Nations garrison defending Hungnam, in North-East Korea, have now withdrawn into a tighter and more easily defensible perimeter, it was learned here tonight.

They had blown up the last bridge leading south from the encircled port and were reported to be battling to hold their lines with the aid of bombing and machine-gunning naval planes and the big guns of the Allied warships standing offshore.

General MacArthur announced today that the United Nations troops in North Korea, excluding South Koreans, suffered 12,975 battle casualties during the "reported 'disaster' period" of the great Chinese Communist counter-offensive—the 16 days from November 27 to December 12.

These figures included killed, wounded and missing. Seven American divisions suffered 11,984 casualties and "other United Nations forces" 1,011 casualties.

Field commanders reported that the corresponding Communist losses were in the ratio of 10 to one, his communique added.

The effect of these Communist losses was "already noticeable in the perceptible slowdown of their current rate of advance." The American Eighth Army's withdrawal in the North-West had not been dictated by these battle losses nor by the acceptance of defeat, General MacArthur said.

THE DISCREPANCY

The withdrawal was dictated by the "obvious discrepancy" between nine corps of 27 Chinese Communist divisions and four corps of 12 United Nations divisions, he added.

The forward echelon of nine corps represented only 20 per cent of Communist China's organized military manpower, with 15 to 25 additional divisions "known to be massed in a second echelon along the Yalu River and within Manchuria."

"Under such conditions the assumption of the defensive position of readiness and the tightening of frontages is an almost commonplace military manoeuvre."

Allied casualties were "not unusual" in comparison with those suffered in "similar situations in other wars." The total losses since June, over a period of five and a half months, had not even approximated the battle losses in certain comparable operations in World War II.

The United Nations Commander complained of the "persistent and speculative" unofficial casualty reports from Korea which gave "an artificial picture of 'disaster' to the Allied military operations." Giving details of the 12,975 casualties, General MacArthur's communique said that the American 2nd Division was the hardest hit with over 4,000 losses—mostly on the withdrawal from the Chongchon front.

BRIDGE BLOWN UP

Engineers of the 10th Corps blew up the 400-yard concrete bridge over the frozen Chongchon River after a day of bitter fighting against Communist troops crowding the snow-strewn hills surrounding Hungnam.

The bridge, the last main road link with the South, is only three miles from the city's centre.

General MacArthur's spokesman denied here today reports that the Chinese Communists had used gas grenades against the American 3rd Division holding one sector of the Hungnam perimeter.

Further scattered fighting between North and South Korean patrols took place again today in the North-West, where the Eighth Army just below the

Romulo's Recall Ordered

Manila, Dec. 21.

President Quirino has ordered the immediate return to Manila of the Foreign Minister, Carlos P. Romulo, from New York to help shape policies for the Philippine Republic in face of the deteriorating world situation, it was reliably learned today.

An informant said that Mr Romulo was expected to arrive by plane shortly. Other informants said Mr Romulo was asked to return to explain more fully the implications of the recent Truman-Attlee conference.

The informants indicated that President Truman and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee apparently had decided to abandon Asia for the defence of Europe in the event of a world war.—United Press.

Wide Penal Reforms By South Koreans

Seoul, Dec. 21.

The South Korean Government, following United Nations representations, has agreed to wide penal reforms.

These include the remission on Dec. 23 of the death sentences except for the most serious crimes, the release of prisoners sentenced to 10 years in prison or less, special treatment for women and juvenile offenders and abolition of the present mass execution procedure.

The United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea tonight issued the following communique.

"The United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea has discussed with the Government of the Republic of Korea the executions which have recently been widely reported.

"The persons executed had been convicted by Korean civil and military courts for specific crimes defined by law, such as murder, arson and sabotage.

"The Republic of Korea Government has informed the Commission that it has decided to adopt the following measures in connection with persons covered by the relevant laws.

"(1)—The President, in accordance with his constitutional powers, will on Dec. 23 remit to periods of imprisonment all

death sentences except in cases of crimes of the most heinous nature.

"Those who have been sentenced to terms of 10 years or less will be released. All other sentences will be reviewed with a view to mitigating the punishment and special consideration will be given to women and juvenile offenders.

"The same principle will be applied to persons now awaiting trial and public prosecutors will be so instructed.

NEW PROCEDURE

"(2)—In future all executions will be carried out individually and not in groups of persons.

"Before an execution is carried out the family of the person concerned will be informed and will be allowed to claim the body. In addition to the present normal procedure of having the Public Prosecutor and a doctor present at each execution, the prisoner will be permitted to see a clergyman of his choice and have him attend the execution if the prisoner desires it.

"(3)—A special board of review will be established to review all death sentences now or hereafter imposed before they are carried out.

"The Commission wishes to place on record its appreciation of the consideration given to its representations by the President and the Government of the Republic of Korea."—Reuter.

BRITISH ATTITUDE

London, Dec. 21.
The Foreign Office spokesman gave a further assurance today that Britain was using her influence to prevent mass political executions by the South Korean Government in Seoul.

He said: "It need hardly be said that the influence of His Majesty's Government will be used to prevent excesses which lower the South Koreans to the level of the Communist oppressors in the North."

He welcomed a statement by President Syngman Rhee, condemning such acts.

The British Government, it was understood, is receiving regular reports from the British Charge d'Affaires in Seoul, Mr Alec Adams, on the whole question of atrocities and political executions.—Reuter.

Mr Bevin Mum

London, Dec. 21.

Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, declined to comment on his talks in Brussels when he returned to London today.

"I do not think I should say anything to the communique," he declared.—Reuter.

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Cabinet Studies Economic Policy

London, Dec. 21.
The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and members of his Cabinet held a discussion today on British economic policy— which is likely to be considerably affected by the rearmament speed-up.

Before going to his country residence, Chequers, later today to spend Christmas there, Mr Attlee planned to have a talk with the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who returned this morning from his Atlantic Council and Western Union Consultative Council talks at Brussels.

The Cabinet may discuss the full industrial implications of its rearmament policy when it meets immediately after Christmas.

Women as well as men will be quickly brought under labour direction if any deterioration in the international situation dictates a further acceleration of the rearmament programme.—Reuter.

SUDDEN DEATH OF CARDINAL

Berlin, Dec. 21.

Cardinal Count Konrad von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin and the Soviet Zone, died of heart failure this afternoon. He was 70.

Appointed Bishop of Berlin in 1935 and created a Cardinal in 1946, Cardinal von Preysing became world famous during the second World War for his outspoken denunciation of Nazi methods and persecution of the Jews.

The Catholic Church newspaper in Berlin was banned during the war because of Cardinal von Preysing's anti-Nazi comments.

After the war, despite Communist pressure on religious groups in the Soviet Zone, he constantly proclaimed his intention to "defend to the end" the rights of Catholics in East Germany.

Last February he warned all Soviet Zone priests not to take part in the activities of the Communist-sponsored National Front Movement.—Reuter.

Envoy At Palaco

London, Dec. 21.

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Notices in the drive still warn motorists to "beware of blood-stock." The rose gardens, the swimming pool, the magnificent park, are still the same.

But the house serves a grimmer function.

It was bought by the Home Office last year for a sum of £50,000 from Miss Marjorie Cunliffe-Owen, who inherited it. It is now the Civil Defence Staff College.

To the college come men and women from all over the world who will be responsible for civilian defence if atom warfare breaks out.

Only a few students live in the college.

The rest live in a house two miles away which has been taken over by the Home Office.

Lectures are held in what used to be the drawing room, one of the largest rooms in the house, with french windows leading on to a terrace and an Adam fire-place.

Because high security is involved, every student is screened before being allowed to attend the lecture course.

Except for the yellow-and-blue Civil Defence flag flying from a white flagstaff outside the house and a modest notice at the entrance to the drive saying, "Civil Defence Staff College," there is nothing to indicate to the outsider that here is the core of our hope if atom bombs should fall.

There are no bangs and flashes and manoeuvres, no people running round in grotesque equipment while dealing with "mock" bombs.

Those who will be called upon to do this are being trained at other centres. At Sunningdale the "generals" are trained—those who must know how to make best use of trained civil defence workers and, above all, how to co-ordinate their districts and responsibilities with the over-all pattern which has been worked out at the college.

Grim figures given by experts are that if 10 atom bombs fell on Britain they would cause 500,000 casualties—half of them killed—and more than 1,000,000 homeless.

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London Sees Christmas Dinners On Show

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London.

Now running at Earl's Court is one of Britain's most popular perennial Christmas festivities—the Smithfield Fatstock Show. And Londoners who, but for the distinguishing labels, would be unable to identify a single one of the many breeds on display, are nevertheless flocking eagerly to see the cream of British fatstock so conveniently concentrated under one roof.

The first show in this series was held as far back as 1793, in the reign of George III. Few of "Farmer George's" subjects would see much in common between the monstrous oxen of their time and the stocky, compact bullocks of today. However, while fashions in joints have altered, and new points bred into animals to meet the current tastes, quality of flesh has remained.


The 300 head of cattle, representing 14 different breeds, at this year's fixture, are testimony to the skill as feeders inherited by modern farmers from their robust Corinthian ancestors. Nor is this skill noticeable only in the cattle section. It is evident among the 150 hens and 22 assorted breeds of sheep, and among the 400 pigs of 10 various breeds.

With prizes to a total value of nearly £8,000 at stake, including the Show's premier award, the King's Perpetual Cup, it is small wonder that feeders from all parts of the country have taken such obvious pains to produce outstanding entries. The "proof of the pudding" will be given in the results of the carcass competition, for which some 50 beef, 102 mutton and 107 pork entries have been received, and for which prizes worth close on £300 will be distributed.

However, though countrymen of 150 years ago would still be able to identify the various classes of livestock by their bellows, bleats or grunts, one section of the Show would baffle them completely—the agricultural implement and equipment section which has been incorporated into the event. Nearly 300 exhibitors are showing between them some 2,500 specialised products worth, altogether, around £250,000. In 1940, the ex-works value of the agricultural machinery and equipment industry was £64 million, of which 40 percent went for export. And the 1950 figures are known to be higher still.

A stroll around the assembled phalanx of tractors, drills, harvesters, cultivators, loading and transport equipment, etc., on exhibition emphasises just how highly mechanised an industry modern farming has become. The tremendous swing from horses to horse-power is one of the most impressive agricultural developments of the century and the land has clearly been just as radically affected by the introduction of machinery as the manufacturing industries of the towns. Yet although oil products—both as fuels and lubricants and as fertilisers, weed-killers, etc.—have undoubtedly taken numerous headaches as well as backaches out of farming, need of the indispensable "know-how" remains as all-important as ever. And the exhibits now gracing Earl's Court are convincing proof that this vital "know-how" is continuing to wax in strength.

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Yellow and blue: the CD flag.

Master Plan For Civil Defence

Washington, Dec. 21.

A master plan for civil defence, designed to prepare the United States to deal with the dangers and problems of atomic attack, was approved by the House of Representatives yesterday and sent to the Senate.

The legislation establishes a Federal Civil Defence Administration to direct a preparedness programme expected to cost \$3,100 million over a three-year period.—Reuter.

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Six hours a day in the lecture room: short courses of instruction at the Civil Defence Staff College last week, the full course lasts five. The students are town clerks, health officers, chief constables, ARP and fire officers, members of the WVS.

Millionaire racehorse owner Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen once lived here. Now, the country house on a Berkshire hillside holds the brains of Britain's Civil Defence.—London Express Service.

FERD'NAND Toying with Dad By Milk



A British Crossword Puzzle

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16 Calm
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22 Happ
23 Promontory

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 2 Reflects, 3 Online, 8 Carcass, 10 Ardour, 13 Disarray, 15 Part, 17 Operate, 18 Fitful, 20 Odds, 21 Riposte, 22 Turned, 27 Distrust, 28 Truce, 29 Entirely, Down: 1 Nomad, 2 Blind, 3 Rectify, 4 Laid, 5 Cornet, 6 Sedate, 9 Armour, 11 Rigid, 12 Oasis, 14 Rattle, 15 Prior, 16 State, 19 Fuddle, 19 Tosses, 22 Puffy, 23 Secret, 24 Eased, 25 True.

The Older Woman's Complexion Enemy

By HELEN FOLLETT

DURING the teen-age period, the complexion is at its loveliest. Its bloom may continue well through the twenties, but after that a woman must "look a little out" else things may happen to confuse and sadden her. One thing is sure, appearance will not improve with the years. The chief danger is in the skin going dry. Sebaceous glands are less active, possibly because women don't get as much outdoor exercise as they should or because, fearing overweight, they cut down on fats on which the glands thrive. That means that there should be a nightly creaming with at least five minutes of brisk friction to keep the blood streams humming along.

Right Friction

Few women realise how wonderful benefits come through friction. Many fear that they will demolish tissues that are already weakening. That may happen if the flesh is rolled between the fingers or pushed up under the eyes. Brisk tapping and slapping stimulates and effective, as is the free use of cold water now and then.

There is no sense in seeking short cuts or chasing beauty rainbows. Rouge, lipstick, eye shadows are grand friends, nice to play with, but they get in their most effective lines when the skin itself is in a healthy condition, smooth, white, firm and of fine texture. Women who enjoy splendid health are likely to have good complexions, since the skin can be affected by digestive disturbances, by loss of sleep, lack of fresh air and general boredom.

The woman who has no special aim in life, feels that she is of no use to herself or to anybody else, may develop a grey complexion. Her eyes will be dull, her step lagging. So it is that the lives we lead have much to do with appearance.

Nutrition is important. The diet should be varied so one consumes all the various food elements, vitamins and mineral salts that are necessary for well being.

To relieve dry skin, use a good lubricating cream daily. One that combines a rich mixture of rare and exclusive oils is especially recommended.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Little Punch Was Mischievous

—He Made Snippets Out of Paper—

By MAX TRELL

"YES," Mr Punch was saying to Knarf and Hand, the Shadows with the turned-about names, "when I was a boy (and that was quite a long time ago) I was one of the best—or one of the worst—mischievous-makers that anyone has ever known. Now please don't misunderstand me," he added hurriedly, "I'm not boasting about being a mischief-maker...I don't think it's good to be a mischief-maker. I don't think any boy or girl should be a mischief-maker. But I was."



Punch making snippets.

Mr Punch paused to catch his breath. For he had said a good many words in a few seconds and had hardly given himself a chance to breathe. Meanwhile Knarf and Hand were both urging him to tell them what particular kind of mischief he had usually made when he was a boy.

"Well," he answered, "my favourite piece of mischief was to make snippets out of sheets of paper."

"What are snippets, Mr Punch?" asked Knarf.

Bits of Paper

"Snippets, my boy, are bits of paper. You make them with scissors. You keep snipping the paper smaller and smaller until the floor is covered with them. They're the hardest things in the world to pick up. They get in cracks. They settle down in the deepest part of a carpet. Anyone who makes snippets is a dreadful and horrible mischief-maker."

"But you made them!" said Hand.

Mr Punch nodded sadly. "Yes, dear, I did. But my mother soon cured me of ever making snippets again."

"How did she do that, Mr Punch?"

"My mother was very smart. She cured me in a very simple way. She just made me pick them up, one by one."

Knarf and Hand laughed. Mr Punch joined them. Then he said: "After giving up snippet-making, I thought up other kinds of interesting mischief. For instance I would turn drawers in bureaus and desks upside down."

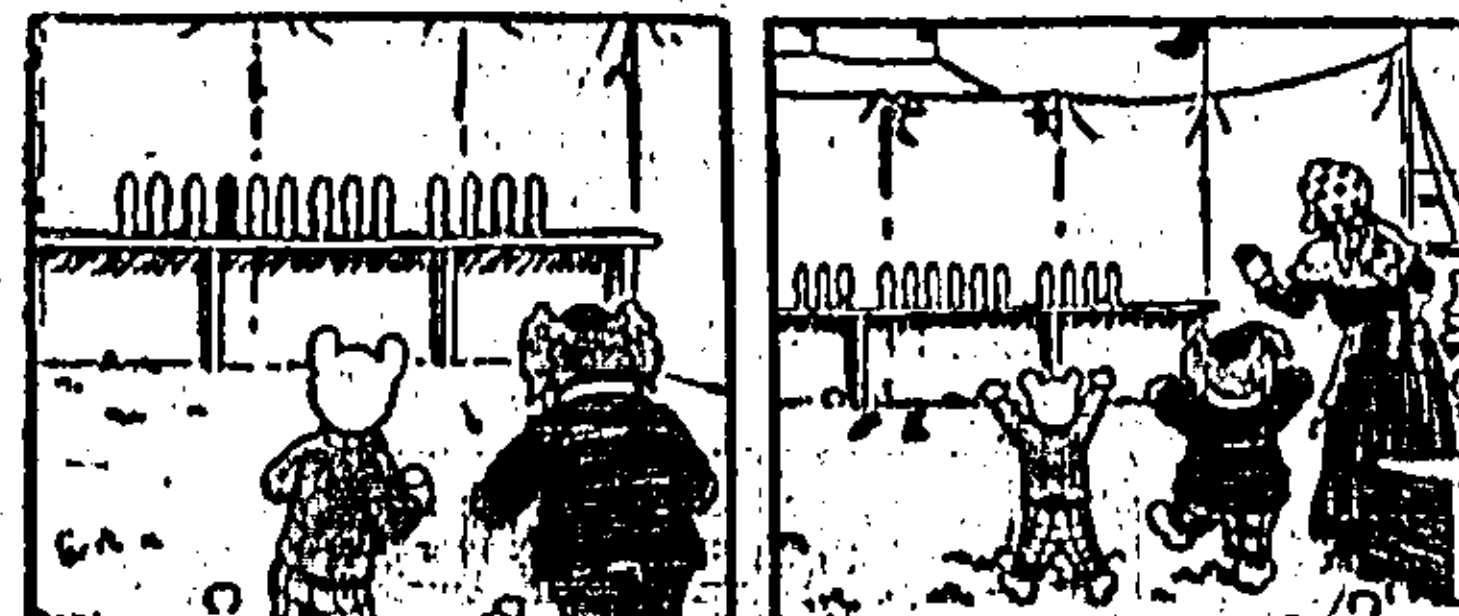
"Why?" Knarf and Hand asked together.

"So that everything would fall out whenever anyone opened them! Oh, what an awful thing that was! And then I used to crawl into things and hide. Once I crawled into the electric toaster."

"But Mr Punch!" Hand exclaimed. "You must have been very small to have been able to do that!"

"I was small—very, very small."

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—7



Rupert determined to try for the special prize, and taking the bull by the horns, very bravely, he thought. "Oh, stand there, you've trodden down the black daisies," cried Edward. "That was a fluke," laughs Rupert. "I was treading on the other one! The second, not this one!"

For my last try," murmurs the little bee. Taking great care he sees that third daisy right and down goes the other black daisy. "Here, done it, done it!" cried his pal, and the Gipsy woman came in with a basket. "No one has done that yet!" she says. "No one has done that yet!" she says.

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When it comes to carving (the turkey)

By Ida Bailey Allen

"WHEN Christmas comes most homemakers are at 'C'!"

The Chef laid down his rolling pins. "You mean to say they are travelling?"

"What I mean is company, cooking and carving—three C's—the three problems that beset most homemakers giving a real Christmas dinner."

"But, Madame—"

"Don't misunderstand, Chef. We welcome and look forward to company at Christmas dinner. But since less than five percent of our homemakers have household help, they don't have time to enjoy their guests. Usually, after a hurried greeting, the homemaker spends most of her time in the kitchen, or hopping up and down serving dinner. Many a hostess suffers an attack of nerves or ends the day with bad headache. And when it comes to carving, that is usually a serious and grave ordeal, not only for the carver, but for the onlooker."

PLEASURE TO CARVE

"But, Madame, it is a pleasure to carve a nice turkey!"

"Yes, it is for you, Chef; but you're an expert. And besides, all you do is cook the dinner. You don't have to be the host as well, and also wait on the table."

"Oh, la la! Madame is in a mood this morning."

I laughed. "These are common complaints I hear from many homemakers. Now they're out of my system, let's see how the problems can be solved."

"As the first step I would insist that the company be on time and sit down promptly at table. A good dinner cannot wait, declared the Chef.

"To be sure this is done, I would suggest they be invited half an hour early, which will take care of late comers, and allow time for gay greetings, to unbuckle the youngsters, and to view the presents. As for the hostess enjoying her company,

that's a matter of good commonsense management!"

PLAN IN ADVANCE

"Proper planning not only for the day itself, but well in advance, will solve the problem," I agreed. "The house should be cleaned, table linen pressed, silver polished and the best dishes washed ready to use early in the week. Supplies for the dinner should be in the house not later than the preceding morning. The turkey should be cleaned and dressed, and dessert, and as much of the dinner food as possible should be prepared. Insist on a reasonably early Christmas morning breakfast, and get the family to tidy the rooms while you start the turkey to roast and set the table."

"Plan to have the meal all cooked when the guests arrive. Turkey covered and kept warm in the oven; vegetables in double boilers; gravy and soup in sauce pans ready to reheat; the salad, relishes and hors d'oeuvres in serving dishes chilling in the refrigerator. Plan to serve family style at the table as far as possible. Apportion one person to clear the table between courses while you bring in the food, and ask that person to scrape, rinse and stack the dishes for each course—this cuts the dish washing problem and leaves the working space clear in the kitchen. And don't plan to serve any foods that need last minute preparation. Then any hostess can really enjoy her own Christmas dinner."

"About the carving," said the Chef. "If the man of the house is not an expert, the turkey can be carved in advance."

"But Chef, everybody likes to see that golden brown turkey. It's one of the pleasures of Christmas."

CARVE IN KITCHEN

"Ah, oui Madame, it is the piece de resistance! So I would

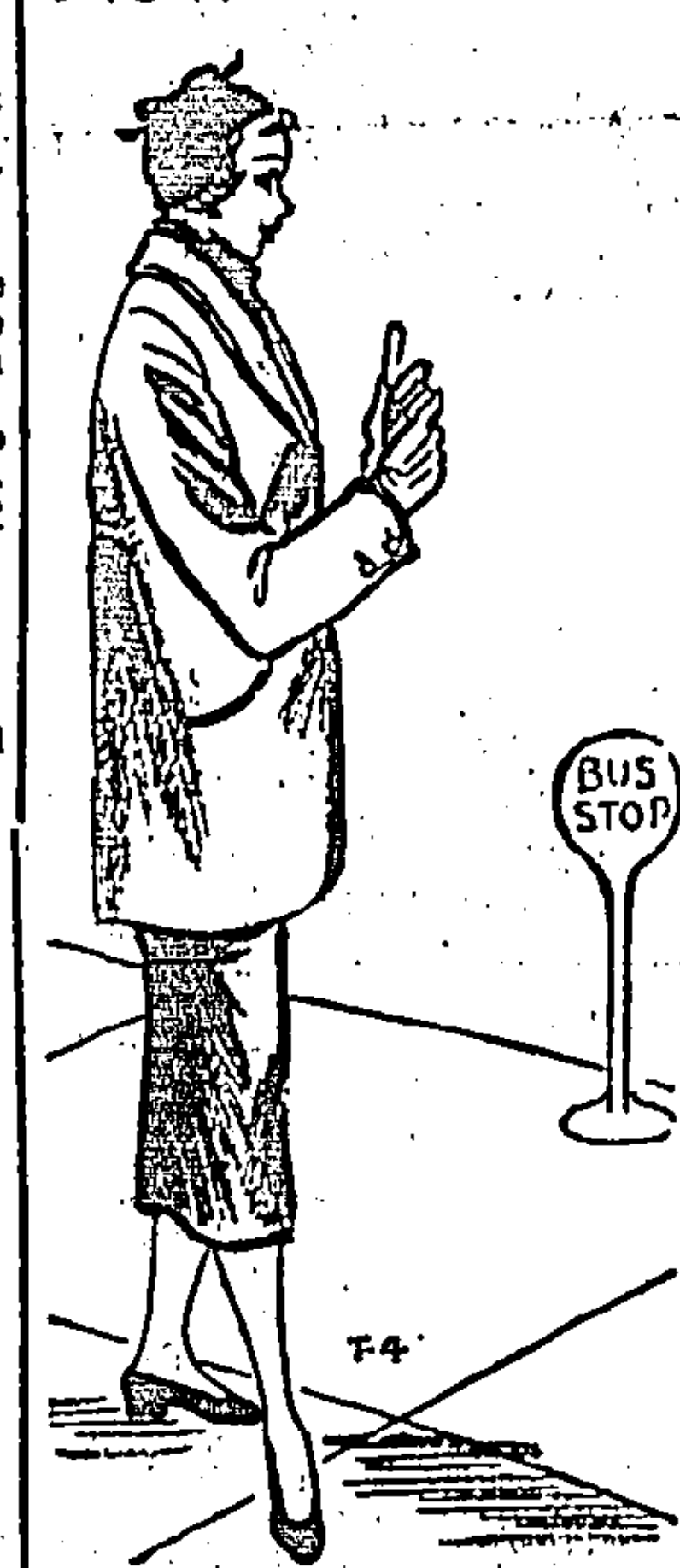
suggest it is brought to the table, nicely garnished on its platter, at the right time. Everybody has a good look and can admire the bird. Then it is taken to a side, or back to the kitchen and, without the audience, the man of the house carves and puts it on a heated platter."

"Meanwhile, the company is sitting at the table, waiting for the turkey," I said. "To fill this interval, I would suggest serving a light hot fish entree—perhaps rack of lamb or oysters, crabmeat or tuna fish."

"Or a vegetable entree such as asparagus with cheese sauce," suggested the Chef.

"At the same time, oven-heated rolls can be passed," I went on. "By that time the turkey will re-appear, carved and ready to serve, with the stuffing. A stack of heated dinner plates are placed at the left of the host. He puts a suitable portion of the turkey and stuffing on each plate, and passes it to the person seated at his right, who should serve the vegetables. Then the gravy is passed from one person to another, each helping himself."

New Lines



Slipper satin dinner dress.

By VERA WINSTON

Evening Elegance



Slipper satin dinner dress.

By VERA WINSTON

NAVY blue slipper satin is used for a simple sheath-like dress that is really chic, effective and well-bred. The diagonal strap terminates in a little collar-like band at the neck, edged with a rhinestone and baguette fringe for a neat touch of glitzy. Seaming moulds the bodice from under the bust to the hipline which is lightly padded. The slim straight skirt has a kick-pleat and is slit in back.

Paris Says: Flat Tiers, Round Hips

Paris. Mango'n keeps the pencil slim line in 25 new models, but rounds hips of dresses, by drapes concealing pockets, also jacket, peplums rounded out at sides by curlique pleats. Flat diagonal tiers are another note including a pretty black worsted dress with wrap-over tiered skirt.

Fabric scents lined with fur accompany both coats and dresses; one combined black monkey with green tweed.

Chinese influence is seen in greatcoats of bright coloured fleeces; Egyptian influence reflected in draped fronts of evening dresses.

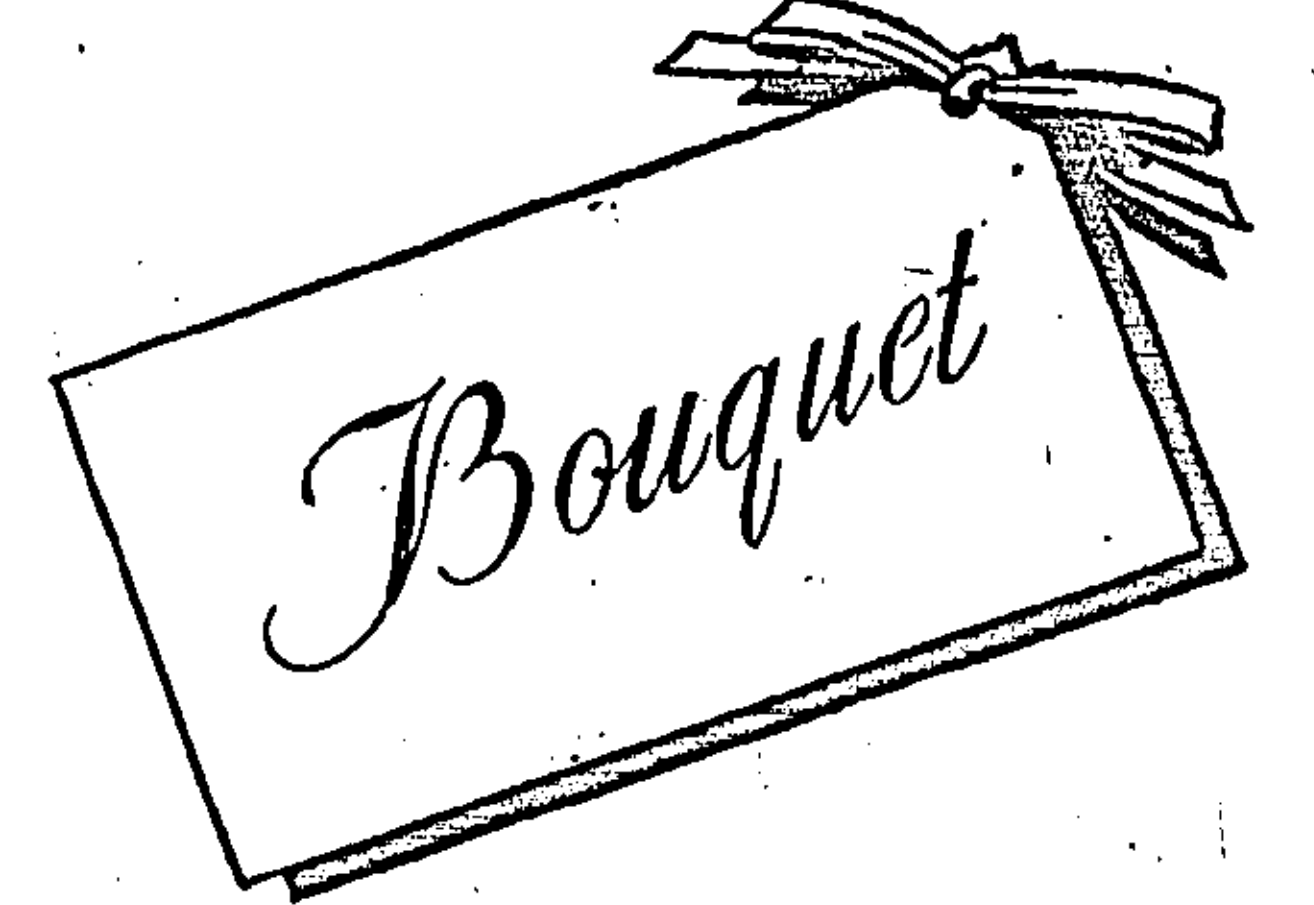
Fine worsted of baratheu type, and gray fannels register for daytime. Some rayon ottoman; also, faille and taffeta for afternoon.

Black predominates but there are the usual striking colour combinations as a red coat with a black dress, or yellow coat with violet dress.

Evening colours highlight plain pastels and stripes.

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Band for Hat

Measure band for hat 25" long and 2 1/4" wide at ends, tapered to 2 1/4" at centre. Cut a piece of crinoline, also lining, same as this band and circle.

Making the Hat: Stitch dart in circle on wrong side. Cut away excess fabric in dart and press seam open. Do the same to lining circle.

Place wrong sides of circles together and stitch 1/4" from edge. Place crinoline on wrong side of band and stitch together 1/4" from edge.

Right Sides Together

Place right side of lining to right side of band. Stitch along bottom edge in a 1/4" seam. Press seam open. Join centre back seam. Place this seam exactly at seam in the crown. Stitch together, using a 1/4" seam.

Keep lining of band free. Press seam open, then fell the lining down on inside seam for a neat finish.

Apply Ball Fringe: Hand-sew ball fringe over the top seam all



way around. Make a neat joining at centre back seam. Sew one ball to top of seam in the crown, and the hat will be finished.

Making the Belt: Cut the lining 1" narrower than belt. Place right sides of belt and lining together. Seam sides and one end with 1/4" seam.

Leave other end open for turning right-side out. Turn; close open end.

Sew 3 large hooks on one end matching eyes opposite to make a neat, secure closing. Stitch ball fringe at top of belt if long-waisted or at bottom if short-waisted and in middle if average.

XMAS FOOD VALUES FOR A HAPPIER HOLIDAY

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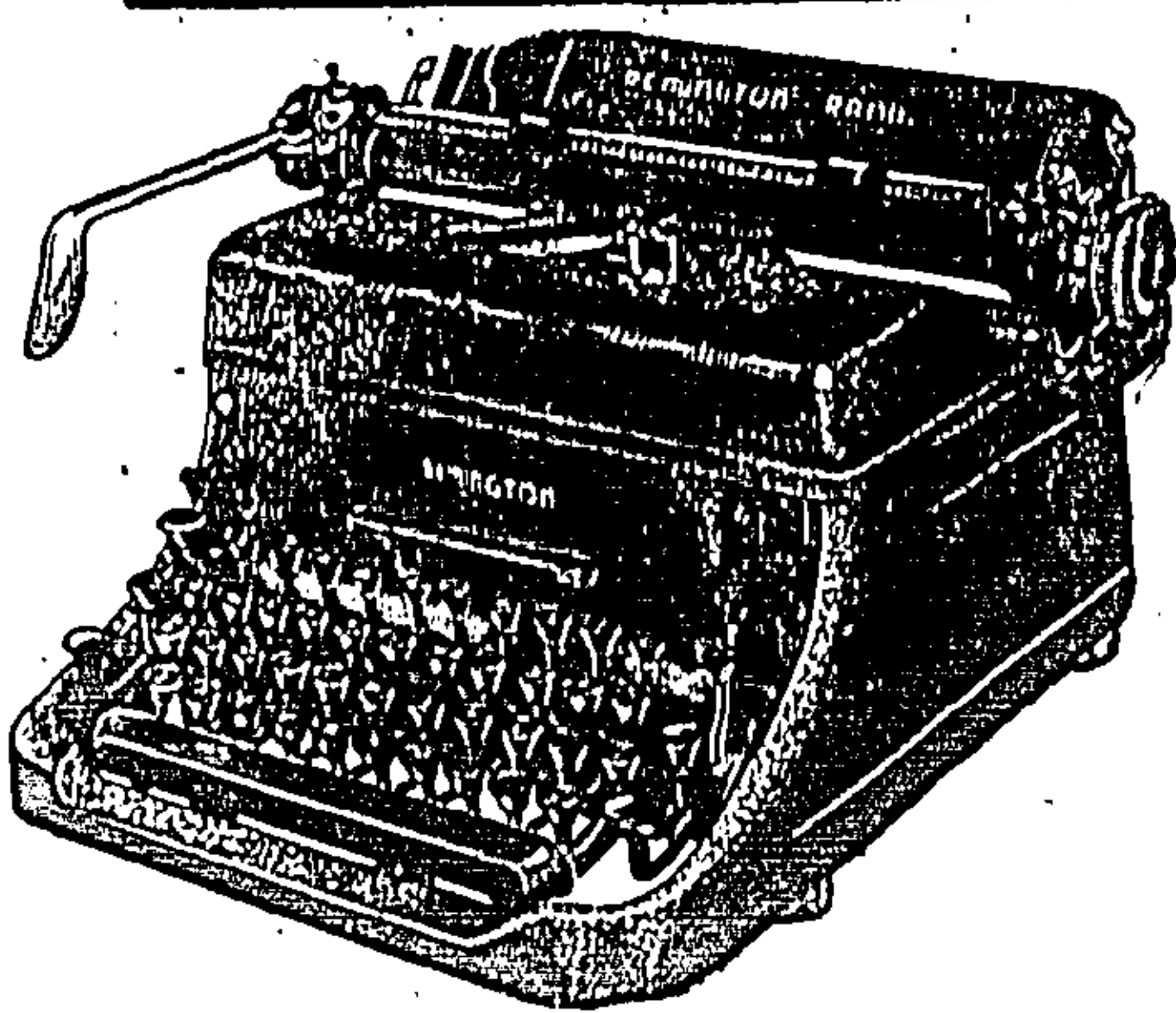
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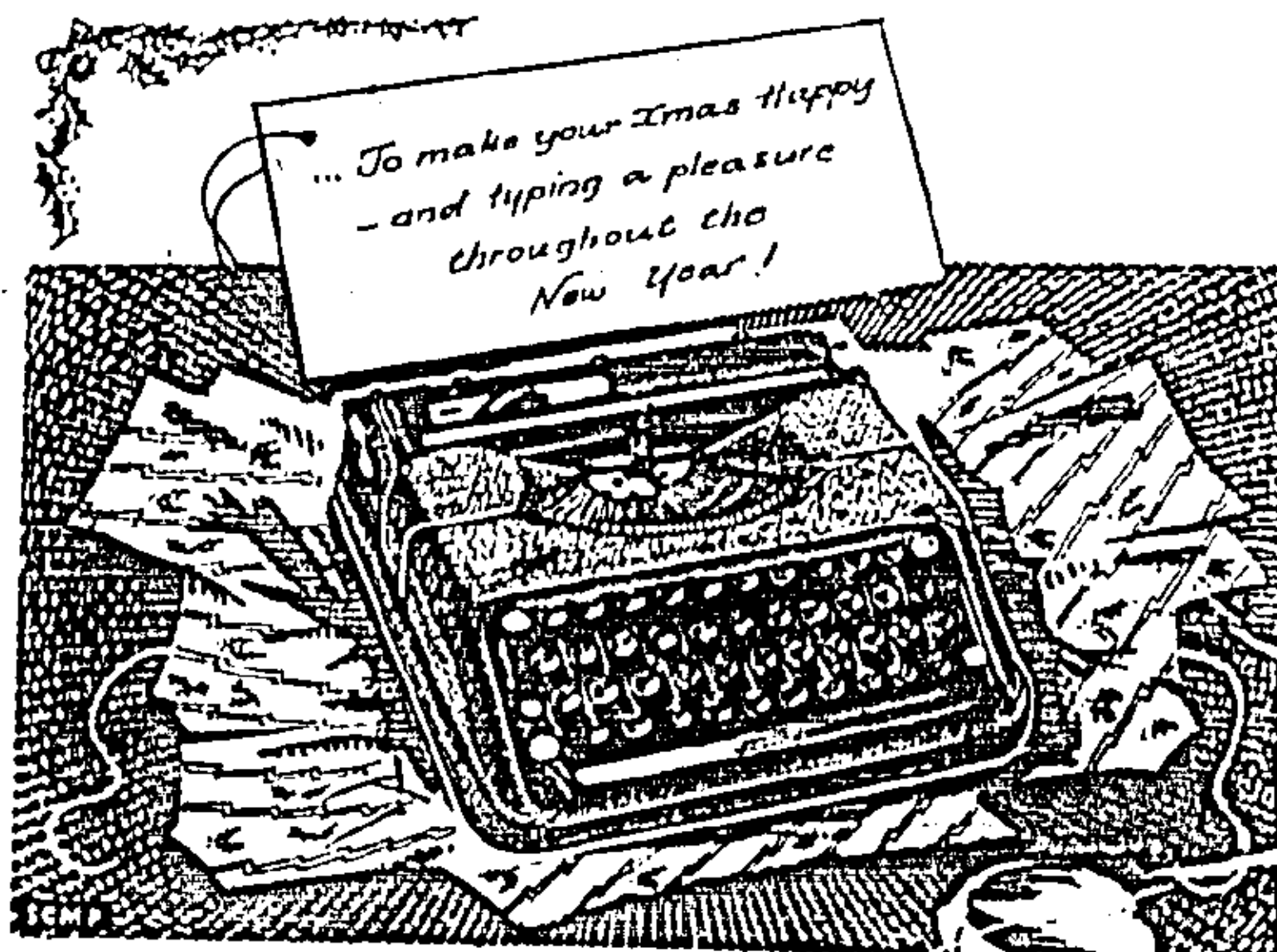


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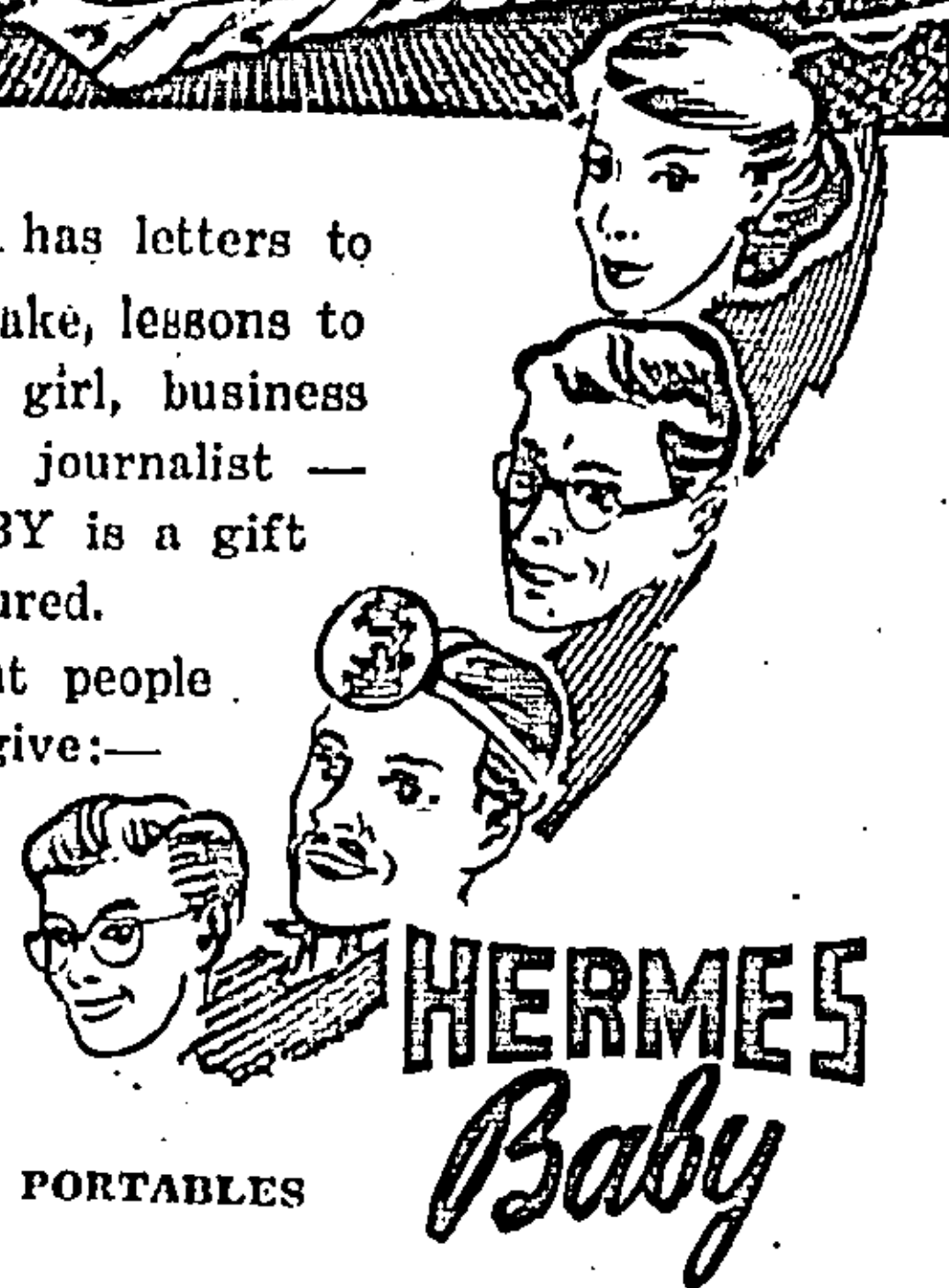
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SHORT STORY by BERNARD J. FARMER

Some People Like Ghosts

CENTURIES-OLD Danbury Castle was up for sale; and, among other privileges, visitors to inspect had the opportunity for a chat with the caretaker who was by no means averse from having half-a-crown, or even sixpence, slipped into his hand.

Somebody asked about ghosts and the caretaker was cautious. Some people like ghosts. Others object to them. Finding that opinion was on the whole favourable, he said: "Ever since William the Conqueror slept in the Norman tower—or maybe it was Henry the Eighth—this place has been full of ghosts. Why, I've often spoken myself with Lady Jane Grey that was Henry the Eighth's third wife. A very nice lady I found her. Once she showed me where someone had dropped a gold sovereign. A hard-working man like me can always do with a bit of extra money."

A voice pointed out that the caretaker was mixing his history and that Lady Jane Grey was not Henry the Eighth's third wife.

"How do you know, sir?" said the caretaker. "Were you there when King Henry was alive?"

"Thank you, sir," said the caretaker, as if the critic had admitted he was right. "And talking about ghosts reminds me of a very curious thing that happened when Mr Porson was owner here. It was Christmas time and the castle was full of guests. I was second footman then. Henry—no relation to Henry the Eighth (this to the critic)—was first footman."

"He was a man I never liked. He is dead now, poor fellow, and I don't want to speak ill of the dead. I will only say that he was the kind of man who would rob a beggar woman and then try to find her son and rob him too. In all the time he got, he never gave me a penny."

"Well, it was Major Blaker who started the curious business. He bet Mr Peebles, another sporting gentleman of the party, that he wouldn't sit up in the Norman tower on Christmas Eve when a poor man who had had his head cut off in the Wars of the Roses was supposed to walk."

"Was he fighting on the side

of Joan of Arc?" said the critic sarcastically.

The caretaker took no notice. "Mr Peebles agreed to do so; and the stakes were ten pounds a side. Mr Peebles to do the sitting from midnight till dawn. A good many gentlemen laughed and said Mr Peebles would see nothing. But some of them knew nothing about history, only what they thought they knew."

A fine ghost

The critic remained silent. "Well," continued the caretaker, "after dinner the major sent for me in the gun-room. He hummed and hawed and then asked me if I would like to earn five pounds."

"Yes, sir," I said. "Good," said the major, "then I think I can show you a way. You'd make a fine ghost. William. And as you'd make such a fine ghost I think you had better be one for tonight. It seems a pity for Mr Peebles to sit in a nasty draughty tower and see nothing."

"You mean for me to dress up and frighten him, sir?" I said.

"Not too much, William," he said. "Perhaps one groan. That and your truly horrifying appearance will be enough."

"Well, I have always been considered rather a handsome man; and I thought that the major's eyesight wasn't all that it should be. But I give you my word that when, at a quarter to twelve, the major had finished making me up, in the old house-keeper's room that wasn't in use then, I could hardly hear to look at myself in the glass. The major had pillaged the laundry-room. I wore somebody's night-dress which reached down to my ankles; and over my head the major pulled a white stocking, so that I didn't appear to have a face at all."

The head

"You should be carrying your head," said the major. And from a small pillow and some grease-paint he made a head which seemed to be all dripping with blood. It gave me the shivers to hold it.

"Can you see through that stocking?" said the major.

"Not very well, sir," I said.

"And I think—"

"Fine," said the major. "You won't have to do much seeing. Mr Peebles will do that. Now give him time to settle down, then up you go."

"Well, gentlemen, I waited till the house was quiet, then I crept along the stone passages

and up the stone stairs to the Norman tower. I began to think about the real ghost and hoped I wouldn't meet it. I knew which of us would be the most frightened. However, I saw nothing. The door of the tower-room was half open. A lamp was burning on a table. And by the light of it, I saw Mr Peebles in an armchair, huddled in his overcoat with rugs over his knees. His head was bent over a book, but I think he was asleep.

"I let out a groan. He woke, looked round, then jumped from his chair."



"I keep asking the missus, where can I get a turkey for Christmas?"

"The ghost!" he said.

"I was going to fade gently from his sight. 'Stop,' he said. 'You look almost human.' He came close and suddenly hit me in the chest. I fell back, but managed to say nothing."

"More and more extraordinary," said Mr Peebles. "It's a solid ghost. I wonder if I can set it on fire?" He felt in his pocket for a box of matches.

"This was too much. 'I'm not a ghost, sir,' I said. 'I'm William the second footman.'"

"Take that stocking off your face," said Mr Peebles. "Now then, when I had obeyed, 'who put you up to this?' Major Blaker?"

"Yes, sir," I said.

"And how much has he given you?"

"Five pounds, sir," I said. "Right," said Mr Peebles. "I suppose you want to keep it. And if I report you to Strake the butler you certainly won't. So—down you go and haunt Major Blaker. He's sleeping in the tapestry-room. And this time

be a real ghost. Don't let your shoes show. In fact don't show yourself at all. Just open the major's door and give a weird moan. Try one now."

"Of course I had to do it. The major's five pounds was in my trousers' pocket and Strake the butler was a stiff 'un. If I were reported to him he wouldn't think being a ghost was part of a second footman's duties."

"There's one thing more," said Mr Peebles, as I prepared to leave, taking my head with me. "If you see the real ghost, give it my compliments."

Moaning noise

"Well, gentlemen, about five minutes later I stood outside the tapestry-room, which was in the east wing. I heard a sort of moaning noise, and, thinking it was the major talking in his sleep, I opened the door, put in my head (the real one), and moaned too."

"What's that?" said the major.

"It was pitch dark. I moaned twice more, then thinking I had earned my five pounds, I was going to withdraw when something cold and clammy touched my hand. I yelled and dropped my head."

"Stay where you are or I'll shoot," said the major. "I've got a loaded revolver here."

"It's William, sir," I said desperately. I was hunting about for my head and couldn't find it.

"I heard the major feeling for matches. There were only candles in the bedrooms then. Someone has taken your matches," he said at last. "Stand still, William, and tell me what you are doing here. I told you to haunt Mr Peebles. Have you done it?"

A real ghost

"Yes, sir," I said, "but he wasn't very frightened and he's still there."

"Then go to bed," said the major testily. "What do you mean by yelling in my room?"

"Again the cold something touched me and I nearly let out another yell. 'There's a real ghost in here, sir,' I said. 'I can feel its icy hand.'"

"Stuff and nonsense," said the major. So, as I couldn't find my head, I left him with it and the real ghost; and I hoped he liked it.

"Next morning Henry sent for me. There was a nasty gleam in his eye, and in his

THE LAST BILL OF A MAN WHO DIED IN A SMALL HOTEL

In a small hotel on the left bank of the Seine, writers and scholars gathered recently in memory of a man who died there 50 years ago.

MONTGOMERY HYDE

Ulster Unionist MP, here clears up some misunderstandings about one of the most controversial figures in literature.

The truth about WILDE

THE final act in the Oscar Wilde tragedy, which took place on November 30, 1900, in a room overlooking the tiny courtyard on the first floor of the Hotel d'Alsace in Paris, caused little comment in either the English or the French Press when it occurred.

Wilde was only 46 when he died, and the circumstances of his death have been widely misunderstood. At the time the impression gained belief that he was neglected by his friends and passed his last days in sordid and penurious surroundings. This impression is false.

CHAMPAGNE

THOUGH Wilde was continually short of money towards the end of his life, his friends did not desert him. On

the contrary, he had excellent medical attention, and wanted for nothing during his final illness. Nor did he lack drugs to relieve his suffering. He was given as much champagne as he could drink, until it was forbidden by the doctor towards the end. Indeed, as he himself said at the time, "I am dying beyond my means."

And there was truth in the jest. Special food was sent in from a near-by restaurant besides the meals provided by the hotel. He had, too, the services of the British Embassy doctor, whose name was Tucker, as well as two specialists and a nurse.

It is true that the Hotel d'Alsace was not the kind of luxury establishment that Wilde would have liked to stay in. It was small, but, like many similar hotels in Montparnasse, it was comfortable and clean.

Wilde's last hotel bill, the original of which is in my possession and which is reproduced here, was rendered two days after his death. It was eventually settled by his friend Robert Ross, although the hotel

patron had to wait for nearly two years before the total amount of Wilde's indebtedness to him was discharged. As will be seen from this document, Wilde was registered in the hotel as "Mr Melmoth." He had adopted this name from the title of a novel, Sebastian Melmoth, written by a great-uncle, the reason being, as he put it, "to prevent postmen" having fits.

TURNED OUT

SOME time previously Wilde had been turned out of another hotel, because he could not pay his bill there. The proprietor of the Hotel d'Alsace, Jean Dupoirrier, with whom he had once stayed, met him by chance in the street. This charitable man, on discovering that Wilde was homeless, took him in and paid what was owing so as to recover his luggage from the other hotel. Later on, when he was taken ill, the kind M. Dupoirrier bought him little luxuries, and even medicines, out of his own pocket.

Wilde was in good health throughout the summer of 1900, when he made expeditions to Italy and Switzerland with friends, as well as frequent visits to the International Exhibition, which was held in Paris that year. The first sign of trouble came in September, when he complained first of a headache and then of earache.

HE LAUGHED

ON October 10 an ear specialist performed an operation, which seemed successful. The patient stayed in bed for a fortnight. He then got up and went out for a drive in the Bois de Boulogne with Robert Ross and another friend, Reginald Turner. But Dr Tucker was not satisfied. He was uneasy about the patient's general condition, which, in his view, was aggravated by Wilde's partiality for absinthe.

Wilde did not realise how serious his condition was. He merely laughed at Ross's remonstrances and said he could never outlive the century as the English people would not stand it.

On November 25 he complained of giddiness and remained in bed. The next day his mind began to wander, and next morning he became delirious. A brain specialist was called in, but he could do nothing except prescribe morphine and ice packs. Wilde had developed meningitis. "My throat is a limekiln," he said in one of his last lucid moments, "my brain is a furnace and my nerves a coil of angryadders."

LAST RITES

IN response to an urgent telegram from Turner, who scarcely left his friend's side throughout that week, Ross hurried back from the south. By the time he arrived, on the 29th, Wilde could no longer speak, but by signs he made known that he would like a priest. One of the English Passionists, Father Cuthbert Dunne, duly arrived and administered the last rites of the Roman Church, into whose communion he received the dying man.

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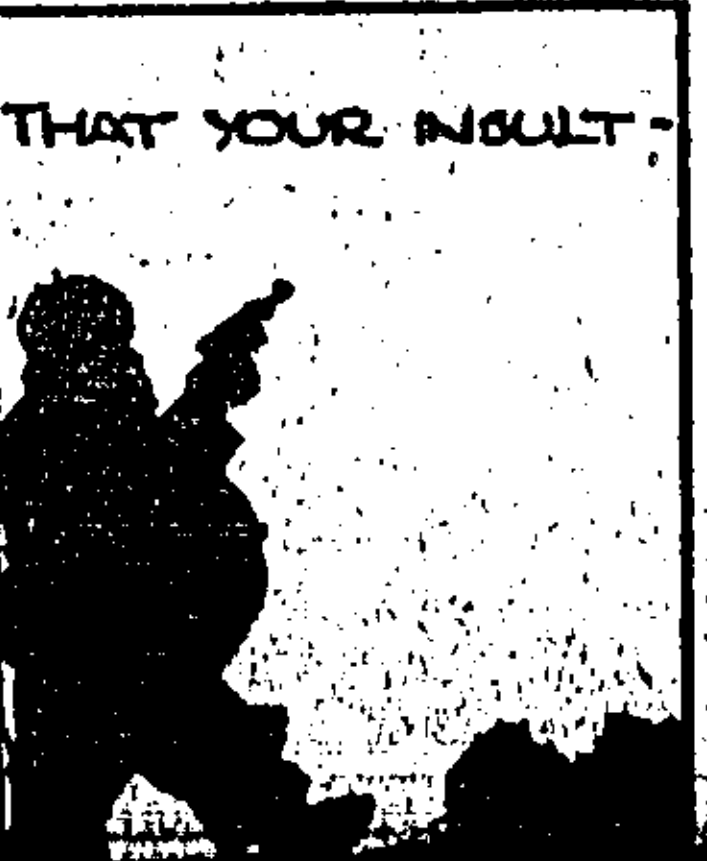
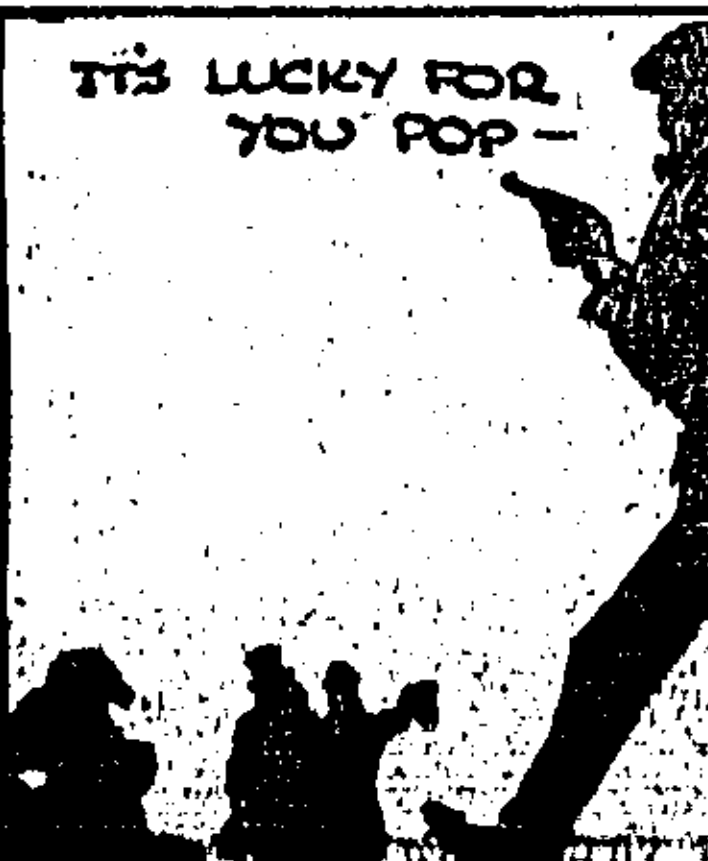
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Little squirt



A NEW FORCE—THE MAN IN BLACK—ENTERS WORLD POLITICS

HIS build is chunky. His face could not be called yellow. It has the aged, tough look of good English saddle leather.

The eyes gleam brightly. On his chin is an ugly scar. His jet black hair bristles over the ears. It imparts to the hard, determined face a belligerent, explosive quality. And when the top delegate of Red China, General Wu Hsiu-chuan, begins to speak in the Security Council chamber the explosive character of the man emerges in full force.

General Wu's is the voice of the New China. In it one senses the guiding fact of Wu's life, that unseen behind him, never far from his mind, stand rank on rank of bayonets of the great horde China has unleashed. And that behind them are countless battalions more, also wearing the challenging Red Star, also perhaps poised to hurl themselves into the new crusade, also talking a language harsh and sibilant to Western ears and not unlike the one Wu now employs at Uno.

Wu's voice is said by Lake Success interpreters to be a countryman's voice—educated, but still essentially having nothing to do with the Shanghai Bund or the silken drawing rooms of the gracious old China.

Gone are the days when China's spokesmen were dignified old gentlemen with wispy beards, pince-nez over wise old faces and gently folded hands.

There is no diffident bow now. In its place the icy glare, the whiplash explosive, the table-thumping demand.

STARTLED

IF Wu had travelled across the world to impress upon its startled non-Communist citizens that a new China is on the march, he couldn't have succeeded better than he has in his first fortnight at Lake Success.

The delegates do not yet quite know what to make of him. But in a tone composed in part of reluctant admiration they concede "at

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GENERAL

WU

by Frederick COOK

HE STORMS. HE SCOLDS. HE PUZZLES THE STATESMEN. A PEN PICTURE OF RED CHINA'S SPOKESMAN WHO HAS JUST LEFT LAKE SUCCESS TO RETURN TO PEKING.

any rate this man does not behave like a coolie."

In his maiden speech Wu set the keynote for what was to come. With eyes flashing and with a cascade of hissing syllables bursting through clenched teeth, he snapped: "I am here as the spokesman of 475,000,000 people... the People's Republic of China..."

Across the table, as he charged America with "criminal unlawful aggression," sat impassive and winning Dr Ting-fu Tsiang, representative of the Old China. His hand shielded his eyes. He slumped deep in his chair.

ALOOF

SINCE then the Lake Success scene has been largely dominated by the bitter tongue of General Wu.

Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb has made friendly advances. India's Sir Benegal Rau has had almost to beg before Wu would consent even to talk with him in private.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie has taken Wu to see the sights from the top of Uno's new headquarters in New York. Wu made the appropriate remarks of minimum politeness—no more.

Unbending, tight-lipped, he is the one man who does not even become human in the delegates lounge, that Uno base where quarrels are usually forgotten.

Not Wu. He remains always aloof. Volatile and violent as he may be in debate, once he steps into the lounge he assumes the impassive mask that in the old

days was considered the hall mark of the inscrutable East. His smiles he reserves for two men—Vyshinsky and Malik. And even towards them he isn't noticeably warm.

He even manages to ignore the bulk of two New York detectives detailed to guard him. One stands always behind his chair, the other walks with him wherever he may go—even to wash his hands.

Wu will pose for pictures stonily like a resentful child told to say "Ah" for the doctor. Then he will wave the cameramen away angrily.

Once he broke the unwritten rules of UNO's debating halls by publicly scolding the official interpreter in parade-ground tones for some slip in the simultaneous translation.

Nobody at Lake Success knows much about Wu yet. The sort of man he is depends largely on who is reporting. He is abrupt and aggressive. He is polite and friendly. He is amiable and combative and cold.

In debate certain peculiarities have been noted. His left leg twitches. When he becomes excited he folds his arms tightly and begins to rock slowly from side to side as though to some dimly heard marching song.

THEY FLAP

By Western standards his trousers are wide—almost bell-bottoms. They flap as he walks with jerky steps.

His suits and ties are black. Since he got here he has acquired a Western style briefcase. He is known to be interested in American drug stores, but nobody knows what he buys there, if anything.

Wu is said to be in his early forties. It is known he was born at Wuchang, in Hupeh, not far from Hankow, and attended a high school there. A Communist teacher is said to have given him his first indoctrination. He "completed his education" in Russia. By 1931 he was back in China, a master of guerrilla warfare.

During the long campaigns against Chiang Kai-shek and the Japanese he rose step by step to deputy chief of staff with the third Army Corps.

On the day the West remembers as V. J. Day, Wu was chief

of staff to General Lin Piao in the north-west military command.

He still held that rank when Mao Tse-tung took him to Moscow for the long talks from which sprang the Sino-Russian treaty.

Lake Success believes this is Wu's first visit to America. The measure of the man's mystery may be found in the fact that even this minor detail is subject to reservation—because, quite simply, nobody knows for sure.

All Lake Success does know for sure is that there is a new force at work. (World Copyright Reserved—London Express Service.)



General Wu Hsiu-chuan (right) with some members of the Peking delegation of nine leaving their plane on arrival in New York.

MAN WHO TOOK LASKI'S JOB ATTACKS THE COMMUNISTS

At the London School of Economics, a new professor occupies the chair of political science formerly held by Left Wing propagandist Harold Laski. His name: Michael Oakeshott. In this article he examines a new book which gives an American's answer to the question: Can we halt Russia without war?



STALIN'S FOUR WEAK POINTS

by MICHAEL OAKESHOTT

TO be clear-sighted in one's attitude to Communism is difficult alike for the believer and for the opponent.

The believer adheres to a theory and a political programme, the one often obscure except to the eye of faith, the other dynamic but suicidal, except for the few who may come out on top; and in spite of the constant efforts of acute thinkers, the theory and the programme are always on the point of falling apart.

The opponent, on the other hand, if he is to be clear-sighted, needs to know exactly what he is opposing; and this is difficult for an Englishman or an American, though it is not at all difficult for an enslaved Czech or a Pole.

It is easier for us to be either hysterical about Communism, or (like the BBC) to be ridiculously naive.

Mr James Burnham, a distinguished American writer on politics, has written a book which, if it does nothing else, should help us to understand the precise threat to our way of life which is comprehensively indicated in the word "Communism."

SUBTERFUGE

UP to about 1939 it was possible to become and be a Communist in this country from a variety of motives, none of them entirely foolish or deplorable.

The Russian Revolution, like the French, could appear as the dawn of a glad day. And in the time of Hitler's rise or the Spanish Civil War one might join the party out of the generous impulse to side with the down-trodden, though many who did so were quick to be repulsed by the crooked thinking and subterfuge which comprised its theory and practice.

This situation belongs to the past.

The "intellectual" or the "emotional" Communist continues to exist, but what was once generosity has degenerated

into a kind of fanaticism. (The Coming Defeat of Communism by James Burnham, (Cape, 12s. 6d.).)

Not even the Eskimos rub noses now

MOST travellers would tell you that the happiest people in the world today are the Eskimos.

In "Eskimo Summer" Douglas Leechman, Canadian archaeologist, tells of the Eskimos he met during a few months in Northern Labrador.

There is the Eskimo woman. Not much glamour here, in the grizzling line of the Arctic.

And yet, despite her voluminous and shapeless mass of clothing, she seems feminine enough.

At one dance Leechman attended the Eskimo danced the

tion for it of a political ideology of their own.

Mr Burnham does not take this view. "Democracy" for him is a matter of degree. And we do not have to be confident that we possess the best possible institutions in order to oppose Russian Communism, all we need to know is that Russian Communism is a threat to much of what we value supremely.

Consequently, our objective must be precisely to remove that menace and to remove it without a war.

And since the menace must remain so long as the present oligarchy is in power in Russia, our aim must be to assist in overthrowing that oligarchy by working upon the weaknesses of the regime.

The present Russian Empire, though strong, suffers from four principal weaknesses.

The great masses of the Russian people are themselves the mentally and physically enslaved victims of their government; no one of the satellite peoples composing the empire is "reliable"; the Russian government must sustain a rhythm of conquest or confess itself defeated, and there is always the liability to the sort of defection now known as Titoism.

THE ATTACK

IN a series of chapters, the best of which is called the "propaganda attack," Mr Burnham examines what he believes to be the best ways of working on these weaknesses.

He does not suppose that the Russian oligarchy can be overthrown by a spontaneous revolt—the crack must come from within the party. His aim is to enlist every possible ally inside and outside Russia, and his advice is to be unrelenting and absolutely consistent in our opposition to the oligarchy.

He considers that we are unduly nervous of provoking Russia to a shooting war. And since his object is not to destroy either Russia or "Communism," but to remove the menace of Russian imperialism, he sees the greatest hope in Titoism—Communist-inspired defections within the Russian empire.

As a political prophet Mr Burnham has not been remarkably successful in the past; he has often shown a tendency to believe that things must go on in the way they seemed to be going when he took a look at them.

LISTEN TO HIM!

THE significance of his book does not, however, lie in its assessment of the future intentions of Russian policy, but in its exploration of the most economical and most effective methods of defeating manifest Russian imperialist activities.

Some people (but without much justification) will think that he is engaged in a menace, but what makes him a writer worth listening to is his great knowledge of the theory and practice of Communism and the fact that he cannot be mistaken for a mere spokesman of American imperialism.

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THEY LOVE SHAWLS

The women love to buy things from the white man's stores, particularly brilliant—hued shawls.

Leechman gave the two women in the family he stayed with, bits of jewellery and a compact each, "complete with mirror, powder, and puff." They were delighted.

At one dance Leechman attended the Eskimo danced the

"gentle approach of one face to the other, as though they were about to kiss."

"The noses barely touch, it is all, and there is a gentle intake of breath, as though sniffing."

A film show both baffled and fascinated the Eskimos.

Horses, trains, motorcars they could not understand, for they had never seen them. But Mickey Mouse was a success.

One old lady laughed so much she was carried out.

Children have a great time; the word "don't" is rarely used. But football matches going on until midnight in the Midnight Sun can be somewhat exasperating, Leechman found.

"Danger and courage" are the keywords of the Eskimo's existence.

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SHE IS YOUNG, RICH AND BEAUTIFUL

SOME people are born under a lucky star. The Hon. Patricia Lawson, the new Lady Mayoress of the City of London, is certainly one of them.

For she has youth, beauty and riches. Her husband, Mr Denys Lawson, is one of the City's most successful financiers, well able to afford the £20,000 from his own pocket that 12 months as Lord Mayor is likely to cost him.

At 31 she is the youngest Lady Mayoress on record. From the plump schoolgirl who was a bride at 17, she has developed into a slender handsome woman.

At the Guild of Freeman's dinner at Guildhall, Sir Harold Webb spoke of her as "the legendary fairy princess, dear to the hearts of the people," and he warned the Lord Mayor: "As first citizen of the first city of the world, you have a serious rival for the affections of the country."

Mrs Lawson (dressed by Norman Hartnell) has been the guest of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace; the guest of Queen Juliana at Claridge's; and (in a superb velvet and fox fur ensemble) hostess to the royal visitors at Guildhall.

The Mansion House does not add itself to domesticity. The Lord Mayor's private apartments consist of four rooms only.

Now Mrs Lawson is the mother of three children. Two of them—Clay, aged 12, and Melville, aged 10, are at a boarding school. They see their mother during holidays at the country house. Her youngest child, a boy, is six. Elizabeth, a daughter, is five and a half. The mother is a very young woman, and she is

by VIVIEN BATCHELOR

the Horsham and Crawley Hunt, riding side-saddle, in black habit, stock and silk hat.

Her accomplishments are listed and dignified. She has studied art and painting well. You will always see her at the private views and new art shows. She reads a good deal, mainly biographies and books on art.

As her appearance proclaims, she has all the feminine understanding of clothes. If she had not married a wealthy man when she was barely out of the schoolroom, but had had to earn a living, she could have done so as a mannequin. Five feet eight inches tall, slenderly curved, her dressmakers find her as easy to fit as their own models.

One of her best features are her hands. They are long and slender, with the whiteness accentuated by tinted nail varnish, but there is nothing delicate about them. They are the strong hands of the housewife and reveal a capability not always apparent in her face.

During the war those hands controlled the stiff, heavy wheels of new ambulances, often for hours at a time and for journeys of hundreds of miles. She worked as a P.A.N.Y. and her job was to deliver the ambulances to hospitals in all parts of the country. Her youngest child, who is six, Elizabeth, a daughter, is five and a half. The mother is a very young woman, and she is



THE lucky Mrs Lawson: picture of the Guildhall dinner

garden at Balcombe, she never does any gardening. A better-than-average pianist, she has already tried out the piano in the Mansion House drawing-room.

When they were first married she and her husband had a magnificent model railway which took up a whole room. They spent hours playing with it. Now that interest has gone; Mrs Lawson today prefers flying to trains—a preference not shared by her husband, who refuses to fly.

"So when we travel we often meet at our destination," she says.

London's new Lady Mayoress is London-born. She is the younger daughter of the first Lord Strathcarron and was christened in St. Columba's in Port Street according to the rites of the Church of Scotland. Her husband was 30 when they met and fell in love at a dinner party. A few weeks later they

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British Champions. After that, Internationals be-
come almost as plentiful as flowers in May.*On December 9 England play Argentina at Wembley.
On the 19th they tackle Portugal at Girdford Park.
Everton, and around the same time Scotland and Wales
have games against France and Portugal.All these matches have been arranged in connection
with the Festival of Britain and it goes without saying
that it will be a much happier Festival for all concerned
if U.K. defeats in these clashes are kept to a minimum!With only one International
as a prelude to these Festival
games, annual trial changes
bound to be made from the last
English side which drew 2-2
with Yugoslavia at Highbury
last month—the players chosen
to represent Britain are not
going to have much opportunity
to develop teamwork. The few
days get-together they have be-
fore an International are insuf-
ficient to produce the kind of
understanding and moves. What
is needed is real match practice
against first class opposition.**NO FAIRY STORY**Once upon a time, and this is
no fairy story, the problem used
to be tackled in just this way.
International trial matches used
to be held and from these trials
the selectors used to pick the
England team. Then they
knew exactly how any chosen
player fared up to International
opposition.It was in 1937 that the last of
these trial games was held
and it was labelled Probables
against Possibles. Such great
players as Young (Hudders-
field), Cullis (Wolverhampton)
and Coppinger (Arsenal) ap-
peared in that game and it is
interesting to recall that of the
22 selected, only two, Bartram
of Charlton, who was the
Possibles' goalkeeper, and
Coppinger of Arsenal, who was
their right-back, are still play-
ing in first class soccer.England's successes in those
days bore ample testimony to
the usefulness of these games.
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football world. They won the
International Championship that
season with maximum points.**UNFAIR TO SUGGEST**Of course, it would be unfair
to suggest that the reintroduc-
tion of these trial games would
produce an immediate upsurge
in the standard of English foot-
ball. But at least it would give
a chance to young players on
the fringe of first international
honours. At the same time it
would show whether players
such as Lawton and Hagan,
former England 'caps', are good
enough to reclaim the places they
have lost. And most important
of all, it would give England's
Internationals an opportunity
to play in more International-
type soccer.Disadvantage of trial games
is that players are not inclined
to play all-out against club
colleagues, but that is only a
comparatively small matter, for
which allowances can be made,
when compared with the real
purpose of these games.**PROBABLES & POSSIBLES**Players I would like to see
given an opportunity in such a
trial to be played shortly before
the England-Scotland match
are: Williams (Wolverhampton);
Ramsey (Tottenham); L. Smith
(Arsenal); Johnston (Blackpool);
Franklin (Stoke City), provid-
ing his lay-off has not affected
him, Dickinson (Portsmouth);

Athletes Of The Year

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.
Hurdler Dick Attlessey
was today named North
American athlete of the
year by the Helms Hall
Board which also honoured
the representatives of other
continents.The board, composed of Los
Angeles area sports editors and
Helms Hall founder, Paul H.
Helms, named these outstand-
ing 1950 athletes. P. Gallo
(Astoria), John B. Marshall (Aus-
tralia), Ignace Henrich (Europe),
Oscar Furlong (S. America) and
Attlessey.The star sports figures will be
presented with silver Helms
world trophy plaques and will
have their names engraved on
the trophy itself.Marshall is the Australian
swimming sensation who broke
eight world free style swimming
records from 200 metres to the
one mile during 1950 while he
was at the University of New South

The Year's Most Extraordinary Tennis Incident

Year's most extraor-
dinary tennis incident is
reported from the Victoria
championships at Mel-
bourne, Australia. It in-
volves American singles
champion Art Larsen, who,
after being footfaulted
several times, walked off
the court when the score
was 3-2 against him in the
first set.He was persuaded to return—
and went on to beat Australian
Ken McGregor 2-0, 7-5, 6-2,
6-2.This happens in unimportant
matches, but it has always been
taken for granted that the act
of leaving the court without
consulting opponent or umpire
constitutes a coding of the
match.This situation seems to be
covered by rules 28 and 29. The
latter says that play shall be
continuous. Rule 28 states that
the decision of the umpire is
final in all matters of fact.There may have been ex-
tenuating circumstances in this
particular case, but occasions in
world class games when a
player has been allowed to leave
the court and then return and
continue must be very rare—if
not unique.

—(London Express Service)

John Macadam's Column

It's Not Easy For The Referee

There is something about the sending of a man off
the field that would petrify the forest of a referee's
nervous system, as it would that of other human beings.
But the decision to send a man out of the company
of his fellows in full view of some 44,000 spectators must
take a bit of arriving at.There is the staccato: "What's
your 1 mo?"—although you've
known it all along—and there's
the reply, and then the "Off!"
and the player's long run from
the scene of play to the accom-
paniment of animal booing that
might be directed at the player,
and is more probably directed
at the referee.Anyhow, the player takes his
long lonely run across the field
accompanied by what must be
the haying of hounds, and when
it is a guileless little player like
Jimmy Bowie, of Chelsea, why,
it is all the harder to bear, and
it's no wonder his chairman, Joe
Mears, is going to make a per-
sonal matter of it. The Fulham
people won't disagree.**HUMILIATING**What happened on the field is
nobody's business but the re-
feree's.Bowie may have been culpable
out there—there was too much
of hounds in fading light to be
able to distinguish clearly from
the stand—but whatever the
trouble was, it didn't appear to
merit this drastic and humiliat-
ing business in a match that was
full of local-Derby needle and
play that was always robust
without being terribly dirty.Why, there were spectators
who had gone through 30 years
of football watching without
seeing a man sent off, and we
were able to think of only one
occasion—in Scotland, long pre-
vious, when it happened just
flably—although there have
been several occasions since
then it could have happened.
There are, in fact, a couple of
men still prominent in the game
who were sent off.More than that, we think of
an occasion last season when a
first-class referee of our ac-
quaintance walked between two
members of the same side and
told them quietly that if they
didn't stop swearing and throw-
ing punches at each other in
the middle of the field, they
both got it.**CLASSIC CASE**Two players in the same side
that would have given them

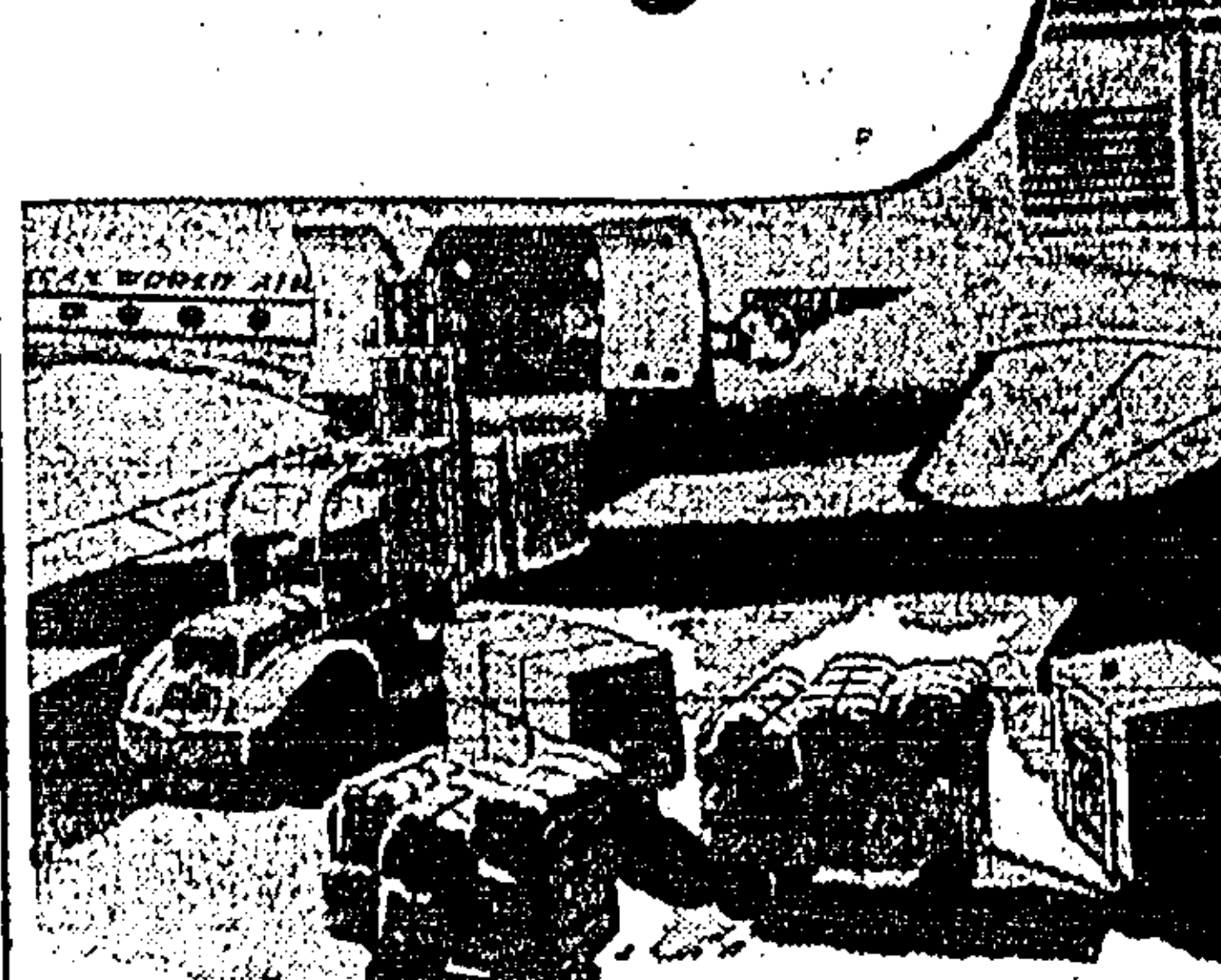
WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club teams
for cricket, hockey and soccer
matches:**CRICKET**1st Division—Indian Recreation
Club against R.A.F. at Kait Tak on
Sunday, at 1.30 p.m.—A.A. Rum-
jani (Captain), A.H. Abbas, A.H.
Madar, A.H. Madar, A.H. Kishori,
I. Ali, A.R. Muna, I.M. Omar,
A.K. Ismail, K.M. Hameed, and
S. Ismail. 2nd Division—G.M. Butt,
Scorer, M.A. Wani.Army 1st XI against Hongkong
Cricket Club in the Annual Tri-
angular Tournament at Chandler Road
on Saturday, at 1.30 p.m.—1st XI,
Capt. Campbell, Capt. Haycraft,
Capt. Corfield, Capt. Robertson,
M. Leed, Capt. Harding, Capt.
Grant, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Williams,
Lt. Maynard, Cpl. Mackenzie, Re-
serve, Pto Lane, Umpire, J.U.
Hall, Scorer, SSM Ray.2nd Division—Indian Recreation
Club against R.A.F. at Kait Tak on
Sunday, at 1.30 p.m.—1st XI,
(Captain), F.M. el Arculli, S.M.M.
Bux, S.F. Chaudh, S. Abou, S.H.
Khan, A.K. Markar, A.M. Omar,
S. Bux, M.I. Razaek and A.M.
Wahab.Presidents against Dockyard XI
at Kait Tak on Saturday at 1.30
p.m.—M.S. Deever, T. Crabtree, R.
Ray, D. Beadman, A. Pinnell, E.
Wing, D. Bottomley, M. Saiter, T.
Braddell and A.N. Other.**HOCKEY**Army "Accidentals" against HMS
Belfast at Boundary Street "A" on
Saturday night at 8.30 p.m.—Pto
Smith, Sgt. Street, Lt. Porter, Lt.
Smyth, Capt. Stewart-Cox, CSM
Holloworth, Pto. Biggs, Mr. Jack-
son (Captain), HQS Mottram,
Sgt. Long, Lt. Col. Irwin, Umpire,
Capt. Livermore.**SOCCER**Scotland XI against Portugal in
the International Charity Cup Com-
petition at Boundary Street on
Tuesday, December 26, kick-off 3.30
p.m.—Grny. (RAF), MacDonald, AC
(Club), Thompson (Navy), Capt. Mac-
donald (Club), Barnes W/O (RAF),
Devlin (Club), MacDonald M. (Club),
Hoggan (Navy), MacDonald M. (Club),
Macdonald G.P. (RAF), Macdonald
(Navy), Liddell (Army), Hawthorne
(Army), Team Manager, ASP Gordon.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
FIRST RACE MEETING
Monday, 1st January, 1951.There are ten races. The First Race will be run at 11.30
a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 Noon. The Time
interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at
the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone
House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the
Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pauze
Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for
by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 30th December, will be sold and the
reservation cancelled for future meetings.To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House,
non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at
the Club's Branch Offices at—
6, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE**SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT
BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST
APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies
MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the
Meeting.NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.Badges admitting ladies not in possession of the Club, to the
Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for
ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the
written or personal introduction of a member, such member to
be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment
of all bills etc.Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on
sale at the RACE COURSE.The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office
as well as the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. The
Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are
situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club
House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy
(Tel: 27818).NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00
including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at
the Gate.BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE
PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE
MEETING.MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE
IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**SERVANTS' PASSES**Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,
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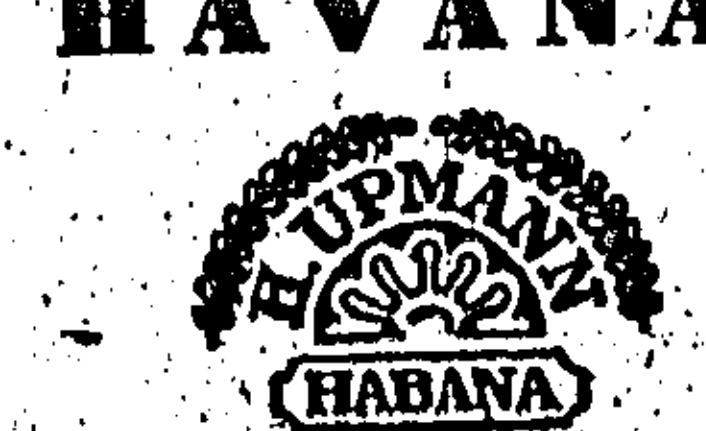
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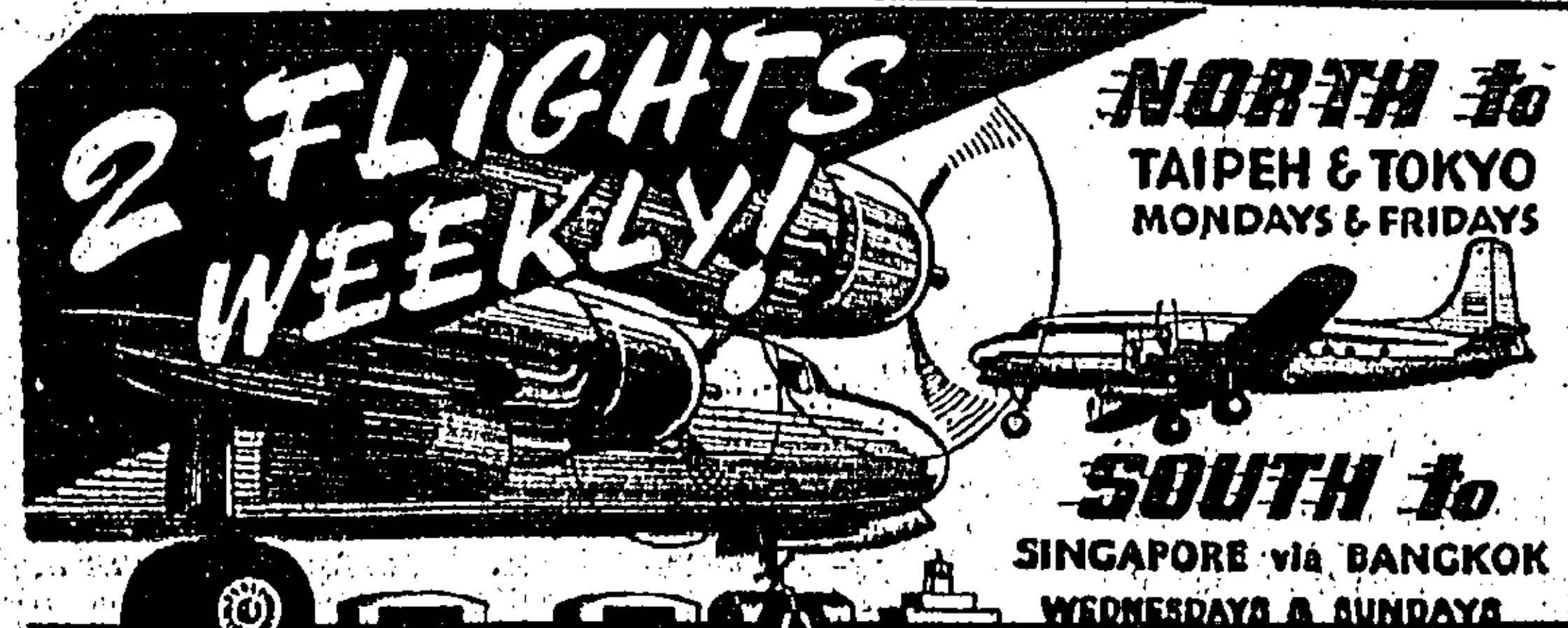
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Wall Street Just Avoids A Slump

New York, Dec. 21. A sparkling advance by utilities today kept the stock market out of a slump by a very narrow margin.

Utilities were up fractions to more than two points with buying demand sprinkled liberally throughout the group.

Rails, on the other hand, suffered a setback. Other groups drifting lower included steels, motors, metals, oils, airlines and some chemicals.

Radio television, distillers, rubbers and gold mines showed individual strength.

Transfers totaled 2,990,000 shares. Five hundred and twenty-two issues advanced and 436 declined. Among gainers were People's Gas, Houston Light and Power, Niagara, Mohawk Power, Consolidated Edison, Pepsi-Cola, United Cigar, Paramount Pictures, Columbia Gas, Armour and Company.

Dow Jones Averages:

Stocks	85.78
20 Industrials	230.43
15 Rails	77.35
10 Utilities	39.93

Associated Press.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1950.

Economic Outlook For India: Optimism Keynote

Calcutta, Dec. 21.

Optimism about the economic stability of India was the keynote of the address delivered by Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, the Indian Finance Minister, at the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

He said, "India is at the crossroads of her destiny, and I have no doubt that she will take the right road."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$80,100. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HSK Bank .. 1220 20 @ 1225 10 @ 1235 15 @ 1235

INSURANCES

Union .. 000

DOCKS, ETC.

Shai Dock .. 13% 90 1000 @ 3.15 600 @ 3.15

LAND, ETC.

HSK Hotel .. 0.10 0.50 1000 @ 2.0

Utilities

C. Light (N) .. 3% 45 45.00 bid

Electric

Stores, ETC.

Dairy .. 11 1000 @ 2.0

Waters

COTTONS

Ewo .. 2.70

United Press.

Advance In NY Rubber

New York, 21.

Rubber futures closed today unchanged to 300 points higher, with sales of 10 contracts.

Prices closed today as follows:

Spot .. 75.00 traded

March (1951) .. 54.00 traded

May .. 51.00 traded

July .. 48.00 bid

October .. 45.00 bid

United Press.

London Tin Market

London, Dec. 21.

The tin price came down with a rush this morning. Turnover was 40 tons, including five tons for spot.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers .. 1260

Spot tin, sellers .. 1215

Business done at .. 1210

Three-months tin, buyers .. 1270-1275

Three-months tin, sellers .. 1260

Business done at .. 1255-1260

Settlement .. 1215

United Press.

Plugging Gap In European Trade

Bonn, Dec. 21.

The Allied High Commission and the West German Government are holding talks in Frankfurt to plug the drain of exports of strategic materials to Eastern Europe, an Allied official said here today.

The talks were understood to centre on the adoption of a new list of strategic materials, much simpler than the complicated "Schedules A and B" which the European Co-operation Administration has attempted to enforce.

Among the more difficult exports to control were those which went first to Sweden, Holland or Switzerland before being sent to Eastern Europe, Reuters.

Offers Of Copra

New York, Dec. 21.

Sellers continued to offer copra for nearby shipment at \$225 per short ton, C.I.F. the Pacific Coast. The level failed to uncover buying interest. In coconut oil, nearby shipment remained unchanged at 17 1/2 cents a pound asked, F.O.B. mills, United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling note (per £) .. 15.50

U.S. dollars (per \$1) .. 0.025

Indonesian guilders (per 100) .. 4.30

Siam (per 100) .. 30.50

Singapore (Straits) .. 17.25

PIC (per 100) .. 10.25

HK Dollar In US

San Francisco, Dec. 21.

Foreign exchange:

"Surveying the Indian economic scene, I am heartened by the signs of stability that I can discern through the welter of immediate difficulties. These, especially in the matter of food, admittedly are serious, but with careful management they should not be insurmountable if the people face the situation with cool heads and stout hearts."

Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, who was replying to an address of Sir Paul Benthall, president of the Chambers, covered the major aspects of Indian economic policy, and said: "We in the Government have a lively realization of the importance of maintaining law and order and of creating economic conditions conducive to inducing the production of wealth."

Referring to Indo-Pakistan trade, Sir Chintaman Deshmukh said that no efforts had been lacking on their part to arrive at a suitable solution. All that they desired was the par value of the Pakistan rupee to be fixed as the result of objective study free from all political predilections.

JUTE INDUSTRY

On the jute industry, he said: "The Government is fully conscious of the importance of avoiding any hastily conceived measures which might adversely affect the long-term interests of the industry." Referring to State trading in jute he said that the Government was fully aware of the complexities of that expedient and its manifold social and economic complications. He could only assure them that no action would be taken without full consideration of all aspects of the question. He added that as well as the technical assistance under the co-operative economic development plan evolved at the recent London conference, India was likely to receive technical aid under President Truman's Point Four programme.

Reference to deteriorating discipline among industrial labour, resulting in a fall in the productive capacity of the worker, was made by Sir Paul Benthall in his presidential address, and he said that without discipline in the factories there could be no hope of industrial progress in India, and capital, both Indian and foreign, would remain shy of investment in Indian industry.

Grains In Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 21.

Prices in the grain futures market here closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel:

Spot .. 2.44

December .. 2.40-2.45

March (1951) .. 2.35-2.40

May .. 2.30-2.35

July .. 2.25-2.30

September .. 2.20-2.25

November .. 2.15-2.20

December .. 2.10-2.15

January .. 2.05-2.10

February .. 2.00-2.05

March .. 1.95-2.00

April .. 1.90-1.95

May .. 1.85-1.90

June .. 1.80-1.85

July .. 1.75-1.80

August .. 1.70-1.75

September .. 1.65-1.70

October .. 1.60-1.65

November .. 1.55-1.60

December .. 1.50-1.55

January .. 1.45-1.50

February .. 1.40-1.45

March .. 1.35-1.40

April .. 1.30-1.35

May .. 1.25-1.30

June .. 1.20-1.25

July .. 1.15-1.20

August .. 1.10-1.15

September .. 1.05-1.10

October .. 1.00-1.05

November .. 0.95-1.00

December .. 0.90-0.95

January .. 0.85-0.90

February .. 0.80-0.85

March .. 0.75-0.80

April .. 0.70-0.75

May .. 0.65-0.70

June .. 0.60-0.65

July .. 0.55-0.60

August .. 0.50-0.55

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Two-Sided Market In NY Cotton PRICE FREEZING SPECULATION

New York, Dec. 21.

Cotton futures became more of a two-sided affair, but trading was quiet as brokers became more imbued with the holiday spirit.

Flourishing Wednesday's action, old crop months moved higher, while new crop positions weakened. Experts looked upon the action as an adjustment following the recent erratic changes.

While on practically all hands it was agreed that the voluntary price freezing request, needed clarification, some quarters felt that it did not apply to raw cotton or cotton futures. That theory caused some replacement buying by the trade and speculators in nearby positions. Deferred months felt the impact of liquidation and hedge selling.

The E.C.A. overnight announced a new cotton purchase credit of \$300,000 to French North Africa. Algeria will get 40,000 of the total, with the remainder going to Morocco.

The market opened up 10 to 20 points. It closed 24 higher to 60 points lower. Prices closed today as follows:

Spot .. 42.85

March (1951) .. 42.85-42.94

May .. 42.85-42.94

July .. 42.85-42.94

September .. 42.85-42.94

November .. 42.85-42.94

December .. 42.85-42.94

January .. 42.85-42.94

February .. 42.85-42.94

March .. 42.85-42.94

April .. 42.85-42.94

May .. 42.85-42.94

June .. 42.85-42.94



Mail Notices

On Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon. The other Branch Post Offices will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from pillar boxes on each day.

The Money Order Office, Poste Restante and Wireless Licensing Office will be closed.

A surface mail to United Kingdom per R. M. S. Carthage will be closed on December 22. This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about January 22, 1951.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles (by air or sea) and parcel posts close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail where mails close on Saturdays or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
Closing Times By Air

B.N. Boerne, Australia & New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Indo-China, French North Africa & France, 5 p.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A., (letters second class mail and parcels) Guam, (letters and second class mail) Canada, (letters only), 5 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, Persia, Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N.W. Europe, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 3 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
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Philippines & Hawaii, 2 p.m.
Australia & New Zealand, 3 p.m.
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Parcels for France, 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Central & South America, 5 p.m.

French Mission Seeks Exemption From Ordinance SITE REQUIRED FOR A DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The question of jurisdiction was raised before Mr Latimer in the Tenancy Tribunal this morning when the Missions Etrangères (French Mission), of Battery Path, brought an application for exemption from the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance with regard to Inland Lot No. 1408 situated opposite the Roxy Theatre in Causeway Bay.

Opponents were the Paramount Advertising Company, of room 617 Bank of Canton Building, the East Point Amusement Park and Wang Lee building contractors (for whom Mr Y. H. Chan appeared), the Wing Fat timber merchants and sawmill and Hop Cheung Loo (represented by Mr P. J. Griffiths).

The applicant was Father Vircondelet, Procurator of the Missions Etrangères, and he was represented by Mr D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr F. Zimmert.

ABSOLUTE DISCRETION
Mr Wright, in his opening, said that the application for exemption was under section 32 of the Ordinance. It was on the basis of development of the site and it was a matter at Mr Latimer's absolute discretion whether to make the recommendation or not.

Counsel said that it was in the interests of the Colony to encourage development. Over

80 percent of the present plot was unused and had the relics of the East Point Amusement Park. There were also temporary timber sheds.

The Mission purchased the site in September 1948 for \$1,500,000 and the object at that time was development. The scheme which it was intended to push forward on this particular lot involved the construction of 26 houses comprising 20 shops and 78 Chinese style flats. The buildings would be of four storeys and in view of the configuration of the site they would be erected in three blocks. The buildings would be modern, fire-proof construction and of good appearance.

Cost of erection, he said, would be \$1,500,000 and it was anticipated that the house would take six months to erect from the time the contractors got on the site. In addition to business accommodation provided by 26 shops, the 78 flats, at a conservative estimate, would comfortably house at least 400 persons.

THE BEST SITE

The area had been intensively developed within the last few years and was at present being developed. The site was the best and most suitable in the district.

Counsel submitted that it was the clearest possible case where his Worship should recommend the exemption as it was for the benefit of the public to develop the area.

Mr Chan interposed to say that although the East Point Amusement Park had closed it was still doing business and at any time could run a skating rink.

Replying to Mr Latimer, Mr Wright said that under the Ordinance it was illegal to offer any compensation to a tenant as an inducement to leave the site. There had been no approach on either side and no negotiations had taken place.

Raising a preliminary objection to the application, Mr Chan said from Mr Wright's opening it was clear that the main point was that the land was under-developed. The application, he submitted, should have been brought under section 18 (j) and not under section 32 which did not allow for right of appeal. By adopting the present procedure, said Mr Chan, Mr Wright had deprived him of certain statutory rights of which he could avail himself under section 18 (j).

Supporting the argument, Mr Griffiths said that section 32 provided for a case where landlords required land for the erection of buildings of a permanent character. He freely admitted that the present buildings were not of a permanent character but it was a point of much importance as to whether Mr Latimer had jurisdiction to entertain the present application under section 32.

COUNSEL'S OFFER

Mr Wright contended that as landlords, the applicants were entitled to avail themselves of whatever section of the Ordinance that covered their case. Section 32 was phrased in the widest terms. "If this is brought under section 18 (j) I will lay a bet with your Worship that the first objection to be raised by my friends will be that the present buildings are of a permanent character," he said. "It may well be argued that a concrete building is a permanent structure."

Mr Wright added that there was no authority from the Full Court on the interpretation of section 18 (j). He added that the opponents were trying to restrict operation of section 32 and to delay matters.

Mr Chan remarked that the case involved the fate of 2,000 people.

Mr Griffiths argued that Mr Latimer had no jurisdiction to hear the application.

At this stage, his Worship announced that he would have to

DROWNED WHILE ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY

Inquest Finding On K'loon Docks Employee

A verdict of "accidental death by drowning, following escape from lawful custody" was returned by Mr Wicks, sitting as Coroner, at Kowloon this morning at an inquest into the death of a 22-year-old coolie, So Sum, employed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks Company, Ltd., and a member of the Dockyard Workers' Union.

So was drowned shortly after 1 p.m. on December 4, when being in the custody of two sergeants of the Dock Police, he managed to break away from them and fell to the sea.

A carpenter employed by the Dockyard, Sum Chun, alleged that the deceased was pushed by a sergeant into the sea. He also contended that he left the sergeant and a watchman to rescue the deceased and he went to work. After listening to the evidence, and inspecting the scene of accident, the coroner said that whatever the facts might be, in relation to Sum Chun, his conduct was inexcusable and he (the Coroner) would place no reliance whatsoever on his evidence.

THE FINDINGS

In his findings, the Coroner said:

So Sum, a Chinese aged about 22 years, died at about 1.10 p.m. on December 4, near No 3 Dock in the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, from asphyxia by drowning.

Shortly after 1 p.m. on that day, the deceased was detained by Sgt. No. 9 Leung Yiu, on suspicion of theft, and whilst that sergeant and another sergeant, Chi Ching-chi, were taking the deceased to the Police Post at the main gate of the Docks, the deceased struggled, broke from the grasp of Leung Yiu then from that of Chi Ching-chi, and fell into the sea.

At the spot where the deceased broke away from Chi Ching-chi there is a strip of concrete sloping towards the sea and a railway line running parallel to the sea. That the deceased fell from the breakaway way on the seaward side of Chi Ching-chi and the deceased, either from using the rail as a lever or from standing on the sloping concrete, lost his balance at the moment he broke away from Chi Ching-chi and fell into the sea.

Leung Yiu, Chi Ching-chi and Watchman No. 30, Tam Kam-shui, who was present, all acted within the scope of their duties. Leung Yiu and Chi Ching-chi used no more force than was necessary in order to detain and take the deceased to the Police Post and were in no way responsible for the deceased falling into the water.

COULD NOT SWIM

The three Dock policemen and the deceased could not swim and the Dock policemen, the Superintendent of the Dockyard Police, Mr. Blundell, and the diver did all that was in their power to save the deceased.

The deceased was carrying some hard object strapped to his stomach at the time he was detained and this was a contributing cause of his death. The possession of this hard object was sufficient reason for the Dock Police to detain the deceased, and take him to the Superintendent of the Dockyard Police. The bed of the sea at the place where the body was found by driver Lam Sang is soft mud and sand and all reasonable steps have been taken, without success, to recover the object carried by the deceased.

Tried To Evade Paying Fares

Inspectors of the Star Ferry Company checked and arrested three intending passengers for evading payment of ferry fare yesterday. Two of them, Lam Chi-cheuk, 29, of 13 Chater Road, third floor, and Ming Lam, 22, of 120 Nga Chi Wai Road, third floor, failed to appear before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning and each had bail of \$300 extended. The one who appeared, Lam Pak-chung, a 20-year-old woman, of 143 Cheungshawan Road, ground floor, was fined \$25.

CAR ON FIRE

A private motor car, No. 487, was damaged by fire which broke out in the vehicle about 2.10 o'clock this morning when it was parked in Tung Choi Street, near Prince Edward Road. The fire brigade, and one ambulance, to the scene and

Stole Frig, Radio And Champagne

9 Months For Thief

Admitting two charges of housebreaking and larceny by bailie, Ong Pak-ching, unemployed, of Room 212 Liberty Hotel, was sentenced to nine months this morning. He had stolen a refrigerator valued at \$500, a radio, clothing, ivory articles, a handbag and a bottle of champagne, to the total value of \$780, from his former fellow-tenant at 171 Wuhu Street, first floor.

Insp. Moss said that the complainant, Ko Ling, went to the police station and reported his loss on December 15. Five minutes later he brought defendant in and accused him of being the thief. After making enquiries, it was discovered that the two men were fellow tenants and had known each other for many years in Shanghai. Some weeks ago the complainant had returned to Shanghai and during his absence the defendant stole the articles.

Defendant had exchanged the refrigerator for two wrist watches valued at \$115 and this the Police regarded as a fair exchange as the refrigerator was not 100 percent new. He then went to a mah-jong school and obtained a loan of \$150 with one of the watches as security. This the Police also regarded as a reasonable exchange. The clothing was pawned for \$130, and the Police were of the opinion this was well below the value of the articles.

Defendant took the Police to his room at the Hotel where the radio, other pieces of clothing and the bottle of champagne were recovered.

After imposing the sentence, Mr d'Almada ordered one of the watches and the clothing to be returned to the complainant. With regard to the other watch, he told complainant he could get it back on repayment of the loan to the mah-jong school keeper. The clothing which had been pawned below value he ordered to be returned to the complainant without payment.

Auxiliary MSU Established

The establishment of an Auxiliary Medical Service Unit in Hongkong is announced in the Gazette today.

The Regulations for the formation of this Unit states that they shall be read as one with the Essential Services Corps (General) Regulations, 1949, and the Unit Controller will be the Director of Medical and Health Services. All the powers and duties vested in and to be discharged by the Commissioner of the Essential Services Corps under the principal regulations shall, so far as concerns the Auxiliary Medical Service Unit, be exercised and discharged by the Unit Controller, it was further stated.

Absent Juror

George Thomas Crilly, of A. S. Watson and Company was fined \$30 by Mr Justice Williams in the Supreme Court this morning for being absent when his name was called, for jury service.

Crilly said he had been out in the New Territories all day

The KCC Entertain Servicemen



The Kowloon Cricket Club last night were hosts to a large gathering of Servicemen when a Christmas party was enjoyed. Top picture shows some of the guests and opposite, Father Christmas with four members of the ladies' committee which organized the function. From left to right the ladies are Meadows Lawrence, Beech, Goodwin and Champelovier. — Pictures by staff photographer.

Alleged Theft Of Radios

Five days' remand was granted by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning in the case against Suen Yun-wing, 30, manager of the Sun Radio and Electric Company, of 123 Hennessy Road, second floor, who is facing three counts of receiving stolen radios.

On bail of \$1,000, the defendant is alleged to have received a radio belonging to one Wong Lun on September 23 with the knowledge that it was stolen, on November 21, it is further alleged, he received two radios of the same nature, one belonging to Li Tim and another to D.C.W. Fitches.

A 22-year-old travelling trader, Chiu Kan-lan, was also remanded for five days on three counts of stealing the radios in question from vehicles. He was charged when the prosecution offered no evidence in this respect.

VICE-CONSULS RECOGNISED

The Gazette today, notifies that the King's Exequatur empowering Nal Chitr Yong-anthorn to act as Vice-Consul-General, and Nal Chitr Say-asinpi as Vice-Consul for Thailand at Hongkong have received His Majesty's signature.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr R. M. McCarthy, Mr J. W. Gatch, Jr., and Mr E. C. Ingraham, Jr., to act as Vice-Consuls for the United States of America at Hongkong have also received His Majesty's signature.

Notification of the recognition of Mr G. B. de Dardel as Vice-Consul in charge of the Swiss Consulate in Hongkong is also announced.

International Films Annual Meeting

"Today, as in every other sphere of industry, the future must remain unpredictable. However, with the experience we have gained in the past three years we are now going ahead with the acquisition of interests that may prove of great value to our type of business," said Mr Chas. S. Rossetet, Chairman of the Board of International Films Limited this morning.

The Company paid a maiden dividend of five cents per share, free of tax, and wrote off over \$12,000 against various expenses.

Presenting the Accounts and the Report Mr Rossetet said:

I am once again in the happy position of being able to tell you that what meeting is now a fact. Our net profit for the year is \$55,000 as against \$22,000 for the previous year and we are in a position to declare a maiden dividend. This is due to our increased earnings on the distribution of films together with a very healthy return on our investment in the South China Enterprise Co., Ltd., or the Liberty Theatre. As you will see from the recommendations, it is proposed to pay a dividend of 5 cents per share, free of tax, and to write off over \$12,000 from preliminary and Legal Expenses as well as a portion of the Share Discount Account.

EXPECTORATED FROM FERRY

Three passengers on a Star Ferry vessel were arrested yesterday for spitting from the ferry. Two failed to appear before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning and each had bail of \$300 extended. They were Lei Ping, 40, of 193 Shanghai Street, second floor, and Kok Ying-shan, 38, of 121 Connaught Road Central, second floor. The third person, Ying Chung-ping, 27, of 113 Queen's Road East, second floor, was fined \$20.

GOING AHEAD

Today, as in every other sphere of industry, the future must remain unpredictable. However, with the experience we have gained in the past three years we are now going ahead with the acquisition of interests that may prove of great value to our type of business.

Finally, before proceeding with the ordinary business of the party by our entire staff in achieving our present modest success. Our Managing Director, Mr Odell, is to be congratulated on the fine achievement in the face of, I know only too well, very strong competition from the major film distributors.

Mr Davis Odell seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts which was carried unanimously.

Mr Yeung Yu-long was re-elected to the Board and Mr Davis Odell replaced Mr Ellis Bankt-Nikolaus, that is, the

Cockloft Fire

A fire alarm was raised at 11.45 a.m. this morning when the cockloft on the second floor of No. 8 Square Street, a block of old Chinese type wooden tenement next to the Connaught Temple, Hollywood Road caught fire due to the burning of joss paper by the women tenants.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The novelist is Jane Austen and the novels are: (1) Persuasion, (2) Northanger Abbey, (3) Mansfield Park, (4) Emma.

London Express Service.

Check Your Knowledge ANSWERS

1. Franz Schubert's 2. It is full moon that occurs nearest to the autumnal equinox. 3. The Great Dipper. 4. Toga. 5. It is a contract of marriage.

6. Saint Nicholas, that is, the

children, the patron saint of

Radio Hongkong

H.K. "Hongkong Calling" Programme Summary: 6.30 Broadcast for Schools—"The Story of Helen Keller" (BBCS); Interlude: 6.40 Piano Ensemble; 6.50 Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai-jan and B. K. Lee (Studio); 6.55, Chinese Ensembles & His Orch.; 7.00 World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Vocal Gems of Robert Holi; 7.30, Broadcast Programme in the Series presented by the British Council (Studio); 7.45, "Music Lovers' Hour" (Studio); 8.00, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 8.10, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 8.20, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 8.30, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 8.40, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 8.50, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 9.00, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 9.10, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 9.20, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 9.30, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 9.40, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 9.50, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 10.00, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 10.10, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 10.20, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 10.30, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 10.40, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 10.50, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 11.00, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 11.10, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 11.20, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 11.30, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 11.40, Grand Symphony Orchestra; 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